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FRENCH AIRSHIP ADRIET.

MYSTERY STILL NOT SOLVED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tunis, December 24.
With regard to the big French dirigible Dixmude, which became disabled on a trial cruise over Algeria, the military wireless station at Gabes at nightfall indicated that the Dixmude was then near Medenine and that there was a place there where she could land. The Dixmude is the ex-Zeppelin LZ2. The cruiser Mulhouse and other vessels have proceeded to the Gulf of Gabes to render assistance.

Later.
With a crew now stated to number 51, the airship Dixmude seems at present to have disappeared. Messages from Tunis, via Paris, state that the Dixmude is no longer in sight from the landing ground at Medenine, near the Gulf of Gabes. No replies have been obtained from wireless or flares.

It is feared that the airship may be out of control, as the commander yesterday signalled that her petrol was running out and several of the crew were ill.

Another report says the airship is damaged and is drifting seaward in a violent gale.

Toulon, December 24.

GERMAN MEMORANDUM TO ALLIES.

REQUESTS A MEASURE OF INDEPENDENCE.

London, December 25.

A German memorandum has been presented to Paris, Brussels, Rome and London, indicating various questions, dealing exclusively with the occupied territories, on which the German Government requests the opening of discussions. Questions raised by the document concern the economic relations between the occupied and unoccupied territory, the duties on goods, currency, banking, Rhine navigation, railway traffic, and the general administration and domestic legislation.

London, December 25.

The German memorandum to the Allies suggests that the customs tariffs in the occupied area be brought into line with those prevailing in unoccupied Germany. It requests permission to circulate stable money guaranteed by the towns and communes and the Landbank in the Rhine Province. It desires the reinstatement and freedom of the Rhineland shipping and points out that the congestion on the railway could be relieved by the recall of the German railwaymen, who alone understand the system in the industrial area. It says the payment of the German railwaymen's wages and railway fares in francs is prejudicial. It declares that the police forces in the Ruhr are not sufficient to carry out their duties, and a larger percentage of trained men should be recalled to duty. It remarks that the installation of tax collectors and reinstatement of German ex-officials is essential, and observes that the resumption of immunity of Reichstag members, and members of the Federal Parliament, and the right of assembly and independence of the law courts, is a necessity.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD CENSURED.

ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF "WAGGLING."

London, December 24.

Liberal organs and the *Telegraph* refer in severe terms to a speech by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at Elgin, where he suggested that an attempt was impending to "wangle the constitution." The papers declare that this sort of language is intended to convey the notion of trickery to uninformed people. They further take him to task for suggesting that the Unionist Government has not resigned because it hopes to effect an unholy and unprincipled coalition. They point out that Mr. MacDonald apparently ignores Mr. Asquith's declaration against such compacts and accuse Mr. MacDonald of not giving the reasons for his allegations.

AMERICAN HORSES.

TO COMPETE FOR ASCOT GOLD CUP.

New York, December 24.

Mr. Bosbruch, the handicapper of the American Jockey Club, has announced that he has received Mr. Sinclair's entries of Zey and Graylag for the Ascot Gold Cup in 1924.

Graylag is a five-years-old and the outstanding handicap horse of the 1923 season. He is one of the best horses of the American Turf, with tremendous speed and great courage, and is an excellent weight-carrier.

DISTRESSED GERMANY.

BRITAIN UNABLE TO HELP.

London, December 24.

The British Red Cross, replying to a world-wide appeal sent out by the International Red Cross for the despatch of money food and clothing to Germany, says that in view of the extensive unemployment and consequent suffering, Britain regrets that she is unable to make a special appeal on behalf of distressed people in Germany.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

A NEW RECORD.

Melbourne, December 24.

Queensland scored 162 in their first innings and 135 in their second, being outplayed with 55. Victoria scored 63 for two

CANTON CUSTOMS DISPUTE.

APPEAL TO FOREIGN SAILORS.

TALK OF CHINESE STRIKE.

Printed in English, a leaflet has been issued in Canton, where it is being freely distributed, by an organisation calling itself "The Citizens' Association of Diplomats for the Canton Government of China," dealing with the Customs dispute. It is addressed "To the Soldiers and Sailors of America, of England, of Japan, of France and of Italy," and reads as follows:

"You gain nothing in the fight against the return of the revenue surplus to the administration of the Canton government. Surely, you gain nothing but you lose much. You lose your friend same in social stand. You fight not for the interest of your own, nor of your people on the whole, but of a small part of capitalists."

Your interest is separated bound with the interest of your capitalists. But the interest of our own is in the same category with your interest. We are exploited and oppressed nation. We are exploited and oppressed by the world imperialism in such a way that you are exploited and oppressed by the bourgeois class in your country. The production in your country by capitalist means has put the working class on the edge of bankruptcy. Our revenue in the hold of your capitalist agent in China has also put the tolling mass in China on the edge of bankruptcy. The masses of China have led the same life as you have led."

"The Canton government is a government that fights for the liberation of Chinese nation from the yoke of the world imperialism. The world imperialism in China has made Chinese nation bound and foot in the development in political respect as in economic respect. The Canton government takes the revenue surplus shabash d. You have everything to lose but nothing to gain. The gain is not of your own, and your capitalists and imperialists will surely gain, but at the sacrifice of your lives."

"We want peace and order. We take the revenue surplus by right, which will break open the mask of the world imperialism."

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A MASS MEETING.

The *Canton Gazette* of yesterday contains the following:—A mass meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the First Public Park, under the auspices of the People's Diplomatic Society of Canton, to discuss what further steps should be taken with regard to the Customs Surplus question. Thousands of students, labourers and representatives from the different public organizations in Canton were present.

After some discussions, the attendants held a parade. They started from the Park, passing through Wing Hon Maloo, thence along the Bund and Sha-ke. Turning into Saikwan, the paraders walked through Sap Pat Po, Tai Ping Moon, Sai Kwa-yuan, Wai Sun Maloo and then dispersed at the Park.

Many banners were carried by them with words "Fight for the Customs Surplus," "Down With the Militarists," "Don't Give Up Until We Succeed," etc.

During the last few days circulars of various kinds were posted on the street walls and distributed along the streets, with a view to arousing the public's interest in the matter of the Customs question.

TALK OF A STRIKE.

Chinese employees in foreign honse in Shanghai, according to the vernacular press, have decided to go on strike in order to express their opposition against the actions of the foreign powers in sending so many warships

ITALIAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

JUMPS INTO HARBOUR.

Gello Alberto, an Italian living at the Carlton Hotel, attempted to take his life by jumping into the harbour this morning, at nine o'clock.

An American sailor, who saw the man going over the wall near the cables Companies' offices, very pluckily jumped to after him. He succeeded in holding on to the man until they were both taken out by some boat people.

The Italian suffered some slight effects from his cold immersion, but was able later to go to hospital in the motor ambulance from the Central Police Station, to which place he had been taken by the police.

Very little is known of Alberto, or the reason for his act. He moved into the Carlton from some other hotel on Christmas Eve. He gives his age as 26 years.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

TWO DAYS' MATCH IN PROGRESS.

There was begun yesterday afternoon a two days' cricket match on the ground of the Hongkong Cricket Club, between teams representing the United Services and the Cricket Club. The match is being continued to-day.

When play stopped just before six o'clock last evening, the United Services had been dismissed for 91 and the Club had compiled 80 for the loss of only two wickets. Only two men in the Services managed to put up anything like a stand, these being the Rev. Father Purcell, with 26 to his credit, and Q.M.S. Stripp, who was top scorer with 37. A feature of the play was the fine bowling of Lammer, who took five wickets for 32 runs.

When stumps were drawn, the Rev. E.K. Quick and T.E. Pearce were making a stand, their uncompleted scores being 18 and 40 respectively.

The over-night scores were:

UNITED SERVICES.

Rev. Father Purcell, st. 26

Claxton, b. Lammer, 1

Li. Com. Jotham, c. 2

Sayer, b. Lammer, 2

Lieut. Armstrong, c. 2

Webster, b. Lammer, 5

Major Hatherley Smith, b. Reed, 2

Pay Lt. Jom. Paffard, c. 2

Sayer, b. Lammer, 2

Capt. Walker, st. 1

Claxton, b. Lammer, 1

Pay Lieut. Hargreaves, run out, 11

Q.M.S. Stripp, c. Bowker, b. Reed, 37

Q.M.S. Jacobs, run out, 0

Lieut. Gould, not out, 0

Surg. Lieut. Pomfret, run out, 5

Extras, 91

BOWLING.

O. M. R. W.

Lammer, 14 3 12 5

Reed, 12 4 20 2

Bowker, 7 1 11 0

Quick, 5 0 23 0

HONGKONG C.C.

A. A. Claxton, l.h.w. b. Pomfret, 9

G.R. Sayer, b. Pomfret, 13

T.E. Pearce, still batting, 40

Rev. E.K. Quick, still batting, 18

H. Owen Hughes, G.R. More, 9

R. E. A. Webster, R. Hancock, 4

A. I. C. Bowker, E. G. Lammer, 1

L. Reed to bat.

goes, will declare a general strike. The wharf coolies and cargo-sampan people will also join the strike.

ANOTHER MANIFESTO.

In view of the importance of the Customs question, the members of the Kwangtung Provincial Assembly will hold a special meeting to discuss the matter and a manifesto declaring the opinion of the assembly will be issued and circulated through

ARMED ROBBERY.

BIG XMAS EVE HAUL.

At a quarter past six on Christmas Eve, an armed robbery took place at No. 5, Wo Fung Street.

Two men, armed with revolvers and a dagger, entered the shop of a medicine dealer on the ground floor and, obtaining the keys, opened the safe and drawers, from which they took \$270 in notes, \$50 in one dollar pieces, \$18 in ten cent pieces, \$26 in Chinese twenty cent pieces, two gold watches and chains, valued at \$240, three pairs of gold bangles, valued at \$330, pearls valued at \$600 and two deposit receipts for \$1,000.

The alarm was given after the men had left, and a suspect was later arrested by the police on a tram at Central Market.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

HOW HONGKONG OBSERVED IT.

Christmas Day was favoured with perfect weather. Bright sunshine prevailed throughout the day, and although it was a trifle warmer than usual for the time of the year, there was a sufficient "nip" in the air to make walking expeditions enjoyable. From the sporting standpoint, the conditions were ideal for the one or two special cricket matches arranged and also for golfing and tennis. Large numbers of residents spent part of the day in the open, as a consequence. There were also numerous private tiffin and dinner parties, which proved most enjoyable affairs.

With business entirely suspended, the town wore a real holiday appearance, but a seasonable touch was apparent on the harbour, where the men-of-war and several of the merchant ships had the tops of their masts adorned with greenery. The Army and Navy, of course, had special Christmas fare, and for the Services the day proved one of real happiness and enjoyment. Special Christmas morning services were held in the churches, at which there were large congregations, when discourses appropriate to the occasion were delivered and old-time Christmas carols sung.

The holidays are being continued to-day, and to-night there will be plenty of fun and gaiety at the Hongkong Hotel, where a fancy dress carnival, for which there are some four hundred guests booked, will be held.

EYES ON MUKDEN.

AEROPLANES FOR CHANG TSO-LIN.

Peking, December 24.—Chinese eyes are again turned towards Mukden, where, according to a dispatch, twelve French aeroplanes have been delivered for Chang Tso-lin. Two French aviators accompanied the machines.

Information from another source indicates that there is now being held at Mukden a Conference of various influential representatives which may have an important bearing in shaping events in China in the near future. It is understood that the representatives include those of Chang Tso-lin, Tuan Chi-jui, Lu Ying-hsiang, Tang Chi-yao, Northern Shensi and Kweichow. A plan of action against the Government has been drawn up, but no attempt will be made to put it into effect immediately, in the hope that support may be secured from a section of the Chihli party.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE POLITICS.

Tokyo, December 24.—Baron Dem's resignation has been accepted. Dr. Okano combines the portfolio of Agriculture and Commerce, with that of Education.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY.

THE MEXICAN REVOLT.

PARTLY CLEANED UP.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, December 25.

Belated Government reports state that order has been restored at Puebla and that traffic between there and Mexico City is resumed. Two thousand prisoners are en route to the capital where they will be freed owing to their having been coerced into joining the revolution. President Obregon states that those responsible have generally saved themselves. The next step is the despatching of columns against the smaller towns towards Puebla in order to clean up that sector preparatory to a drive towards Vera Cruz.

CHISTMAS TRAGEDY.

A TALE OF THE SNOWS.

Nome (Alaska), December 25.

An Eskimo has arrived here after a 75 mile journey and reports that the Reverend Father Ruppert has lost his life in an attempt to carry Christmas cheer to the Hot Springs Orphanage, near Pilgrims River. The first intimation of the tragedy was the arrival at various places of dogs belonging to Father Ruppert's team. A search party found the clergyman's body four miles from the Orphanage. It is believed that reindeer caused the dogs to scatter.

BIG RUM RUNNING CONSPIRACY.

New York, December 25.

Prohibition officials announce the discovery of one of the greatest rum running conspiracies, through the arrest of an Englishman, who was captured in his motor boat in the vicinity of the rum fleet. The documents seized included a list of names believed to be bootleggers scattered throughout the country.

(Reuter's Service.)

THE INDIAN POLITICAL MUDDLE.

Calcutta, December 24.

Following Mr. Das's refusal to accept the Premiership, the Governor has invited the leader of the Independent Nationalists to form a Ministry, but the latter will only agree if the other Ministers are chosen from his party, which is unacceptable on account of the Nationalists' inability to secure a majority because they are unable to secure the Swarajists' support. Thereupon the Governor has selected Ministers from other groups and appointed Mr. Sudranath and Mr. Mullick Fasulhuq, both members of the old Council.

MUNIFICENT AUSTRIAN.

Vienna, December 24.

A munificent offer has been made by Herr Rosel, who is reputedly the richest man in Austria, to maintain the Vienna University in view of the Government's inability to make grants to Universities, Museums or Libraries. It is estimated that Herr Rosel's offer, which will be carried out until the State again take over the responsibility, will be nearly half a million sterling annually. Other philanthropists have offered generous donations to the Chancellor for other institutions affected.

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

London, December 24.

The Chinese Charge d' Affaires, Chao Hsin-chu, speaking at a dinner of the Overseas Chinese Society, said the Chinese in England received the same pleasant and gratifying welcome that they gave foreigners in China. The world was narrowing in parts and increasingly linking up. The ocean was no longer a barrier between the East and West. All should render loyal and honest service and do their utmost to bring Britain and China closer together.

VENIZELLOS TO RETURN.

Athens, December 24.

M. Venizelos has intimated that he will return to Athens on January 2nd.

Later.

M. Venizelos does not intend to form a Cabinet, his only object being to restore normal conditions.

NO SMOKING IN AEROPLANES.

London, December 24.

Smoking in aircraft registered in Britain and Northern Ireland, wherever they may be, and in foreign aeroplanes when over Britain and North Ireland, is prohibited under the Air Navigation Order, operating from January 1st.

FRENCH CAUSE CELEBRE ENDS.

Paris, December 24.

A cause celebre, namely the trial of the anarchist girl, Germaine Berthoin, on a charge of murdering M. Plateau, the leader of the Royalist organisation Camelot Du Roi, has ended in the acquittal of the accused.

DUTCH POLITICS.

The Hague, December 24.

The Queen of Holland has requested the resignation of the Right in the Second Chamber to form a Cabinet.

RAISULI STILL ALIVE.

Tangiers, December 24.

It is officially stated that Raisuli is still alive and that his condition has improved.

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INVESTIGATION OF LEVIATHAN'S ACCIDENT.

New York, Dec. 24.

It is alleged that the officers of the s.s. Leviathan, which ground-
ed on Robbins Reef when entering New York, were negligent and
an investigation of the circumstances has been ordered.

BOOTLEGGERS' CUSTOMERS.

Washington, Dec. 24.

The officials who are entrusted with the enforcement of the
Prohibition Law in the United States threaten to publish the names
of the customers of bootleggers, who are said to include a number
of officials.

Washington, Dec. 24.

The police are threatening to publish the names of officials patron-
ising bootleggers, some of whom are alleged to have voted for pro-
hibition.

(Reuter's Service.)

LIMITATION OF WAR AIRCRAFT.

London, Dec. 24.

It is reported that a renewal of the suggestions for an inter-
national aircraft limitation conference may be made early in January.

INDIAN ASPIRATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 24.

The Indian National pact, which is to be discussed at the forth-
coming National Congress at Cocanada, Madras, states that communal,
religious and class differences must be dropped in order that Indians,
both within and outside their own country, may attain enjoyment of
the same rights and privileges as other nations; further—India will
participate in the formation of a federation of Asiatic peoples for
the purpose of the emancipation of Asia from European economic
exploitation and domination.—Reuter.

NEW BRITISH SUBMARINE.

London, Dec. 24.

The new British submarine X1 has returned to Chatham after
severe tests in a secret trial lasting thirty-eight knots. She carries
six 5.5 guns and a crew of one hundred. She will be commissioned
early in the new year and is designed for convoy chasing.—Reuter.

THE GREEK THRONE.

Athens, Dec. 24.

It is understood that the revolutionary authorities in their invita-
tion to M. Venizelos to return to Greece state that the fall of the dynasty
must be considered a definite solution of the constitutional question
and that the return of Venizelos would depend upon the recognition
of that accomplished fact. Colonel Gonatas has resigned the Premier-
ship.—Reuter.

'QUAKES IN COLOMBIA.

Bogota, Dec. 24.

The fifty-ninth earthquake in six days has occurred four hun-
dred miles from the original shock. There has been damage in
twenty towns with seven people killed.

HIGH INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER.

Montreux, Dec. 24.

The High Industrial Commissioner, Chang Ching, and suite have
arrived at Geneva.—Reuter.

CANNIBAL SPIDERS.

Bride Spends Day Eating
Mate.

Some tropical spiders have been
setting up records at the Zoo, says
a London zoological writer.

Three venomous giants, formerly
known as bird-eating spiders,
but now officially christened
banana spiders, recently arrived
from Covent Garden, where, as is
often the case, they were dis-
covered in a banana crate.

There were two females and a
male, and they were accorded a
warm welcome, for it was the first
time that both sexes had been re-
presented together in the men-
agerie.

With high hopes for the future,
a pair were installed in a roomy
case, but three days afterwards
the female died.

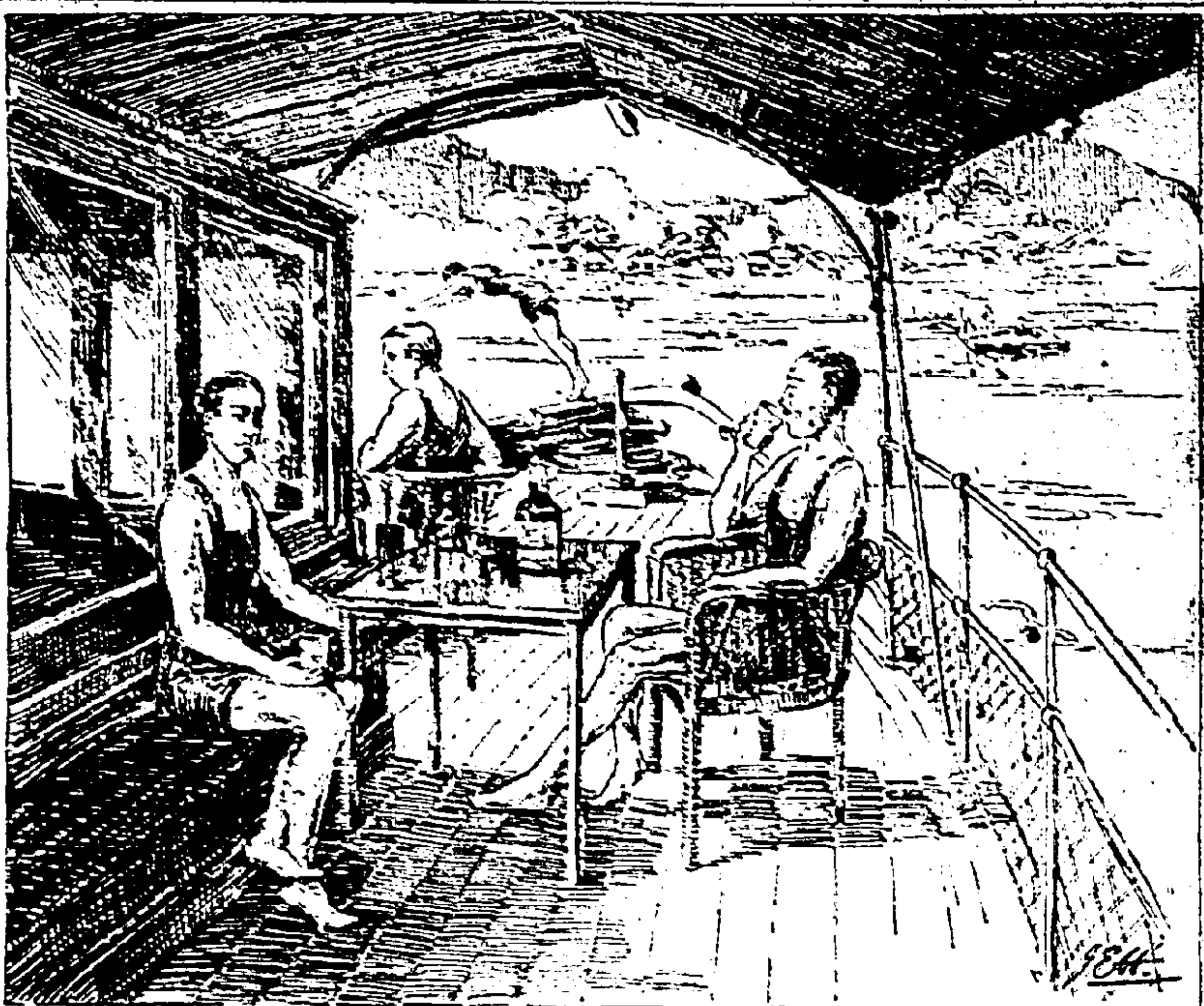
The widower was given a day
to get over his grief and then the
second female to comfort him.

She did so by killing him with-
in a week, and, to the horror of
visitors, spent the whole of the
following day devouring his body.
It is expected that the widow
will present the Zoo with some
200 eggs, helpful compensation
for the loss of the male
—but, in that event, it
is very probable that the
horde of youngsters will emu-
late her feat of cannibalism by
making a meal of their mother,
afterwards fighting among them-
selves until but a few young but
war-worn veterans remain.

Another record has been pro-
vided by a large tropical house-
spider—also a banana-crate stow-
away—which, for the first time
in the history of the Gardens,
arrived with a batch of eggs
(numbering about 200, as is
customary.)

These have all hatched out, and
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cessful in solving the difficulties
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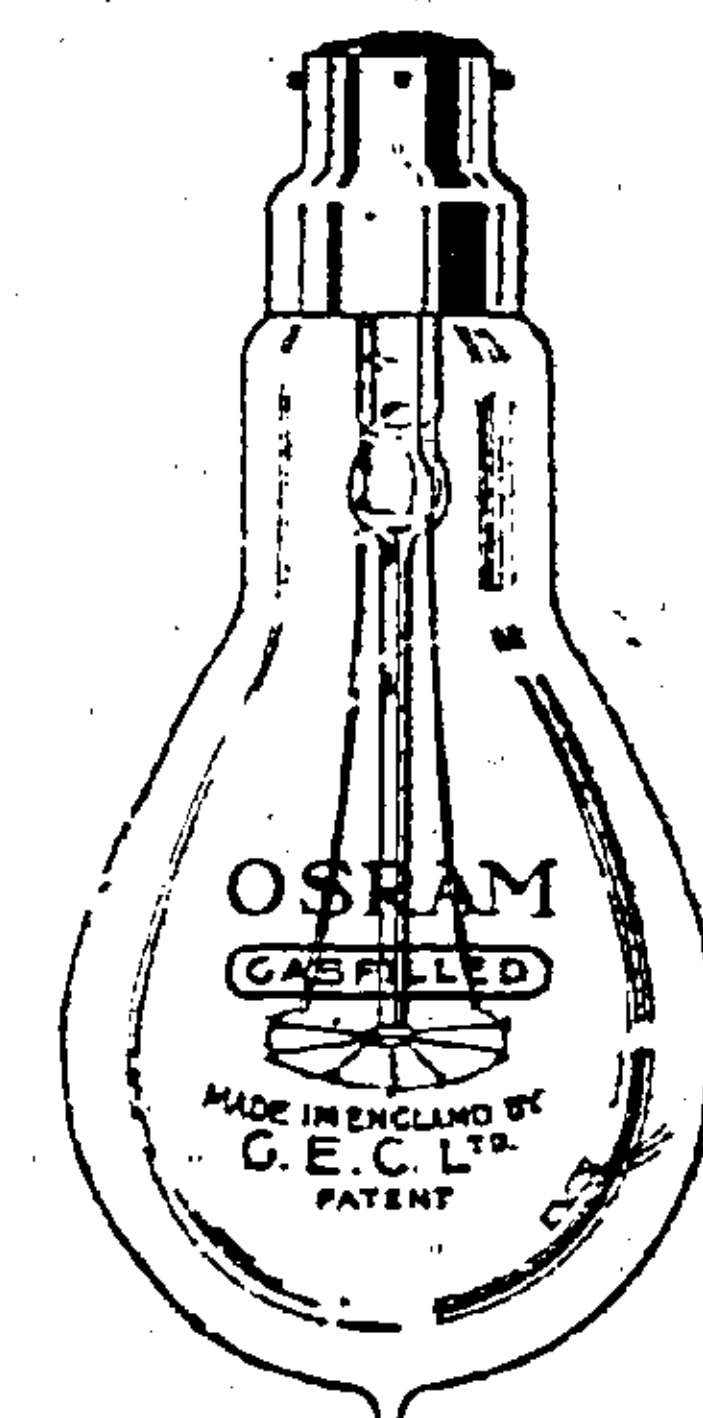
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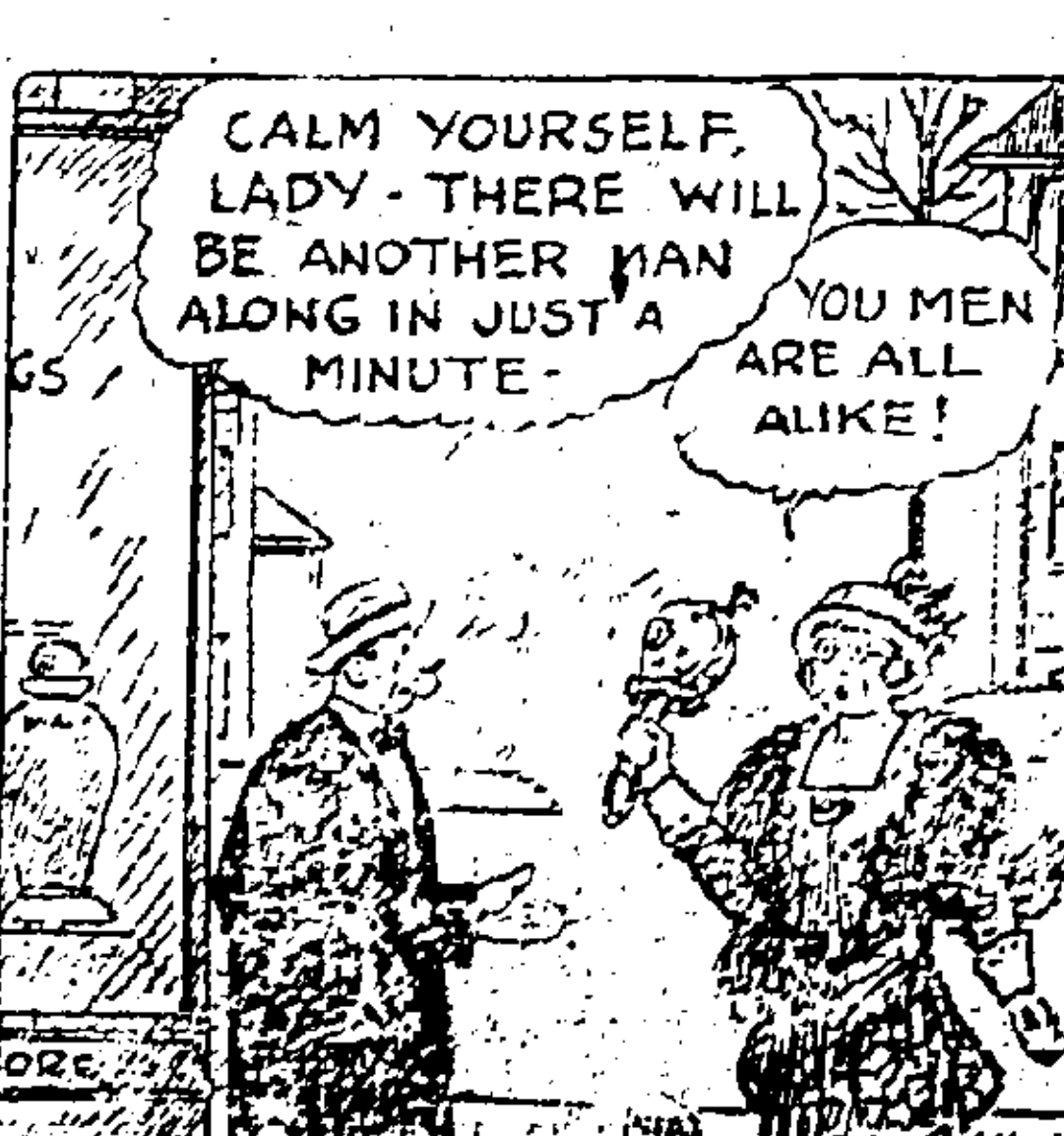
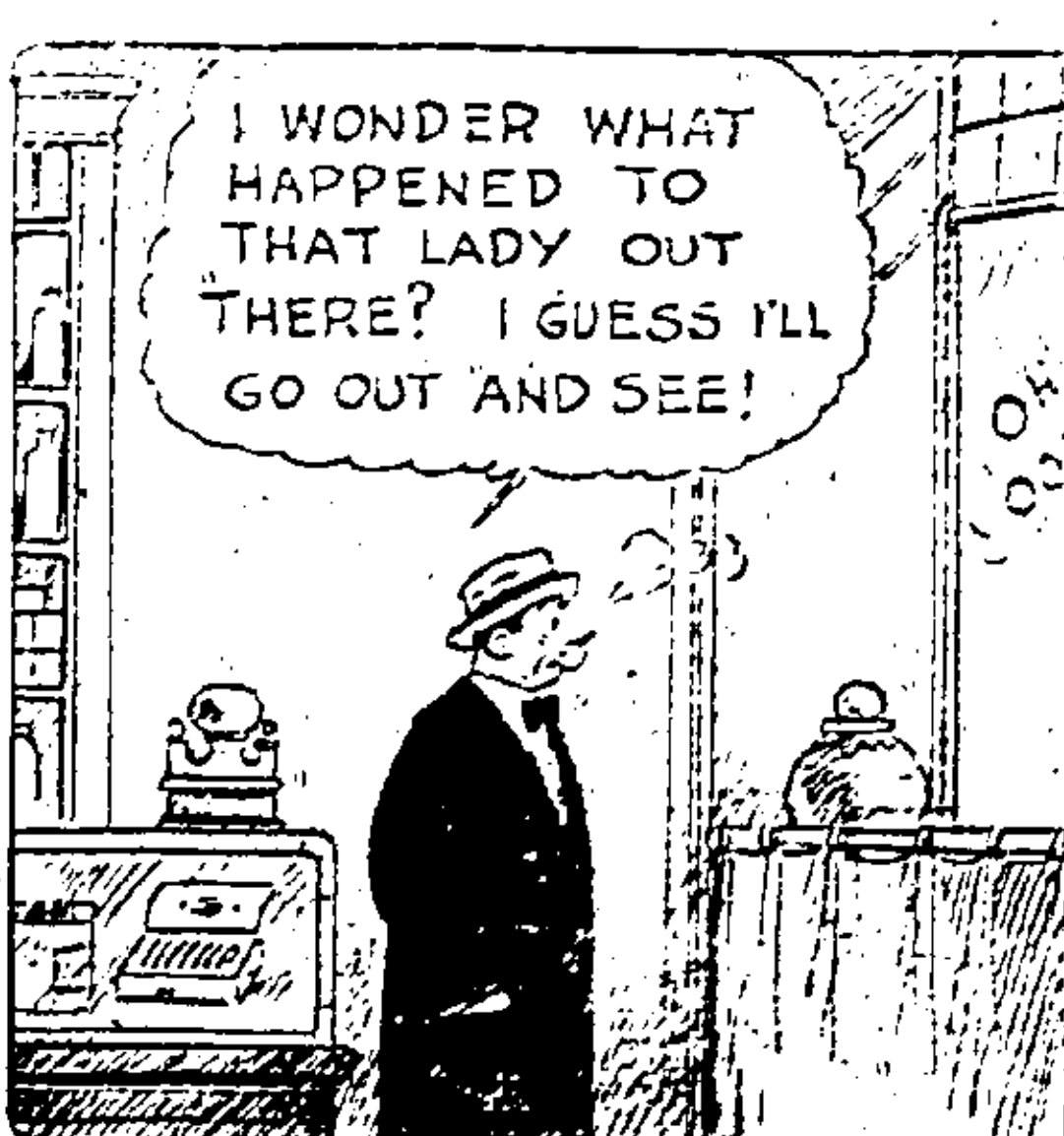
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BIG HOTEL FIRE.

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DESTROYED.

Shanghai, Dec. 24.

A message from Kobe reports
that fire broke out in the Oriental
Hotel shortly after midnight and
destroyed half the building. There
was great excitement but practical-
ly no casualty. A later message
says that the cause has not yet
been ascertained. The damage is
estimated at three hundred thou-
sand yen. All other buildings
nearby were standing in the hotel
and no one was hurt.

YACHTING.

THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Monday was a brilliant day for
yachting and the ladies engaged
in a most interesting contest. The
contest was between the "Ladies"
and the "Gentlemen". The "Ladies"
were the "Ladies" and the "Gentle-
men" were the "Gentlemen". The
contest was a very close one and
the "Ladies" won by a narrow
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out on Monday afternoon and
made a very brilliant start.
The "Ladies" had a fine start
and were in the lead for some
time. The "Gentlemen" were
not far behind and the contest
was very close. The "Ladies"
were the "Ladies" and the "Gentle-
men" were the "Gentlemen". The
contest was a very close one and
the "Ladies" won by a narrow
margin.

The sailing was very keen and
the race well contested all the way.
The "Ladies" were in the lead
for some time. The "Gentlemen"
were not far behind and the
contest was very close. The
"Ladies" were the "Ladies" and
the "Gentlemen" were the "Gentle-
men". The contest was a very
close one and the "Ladies" won
by a narrow margin.

The results will give the
handicappers much food for
thought before the next event. At
the moment the premier places in
the championship are held by
Belinda (Miss Grace) and Gladys
(Mrs. Adams). They both have 20
points, but Daphne (Mrs. Arthur)
is very close behind with 19.

The results of Monday's race
with points are given below.

Finishing	Corrected	Position	Points
Time	Time		
	h m s		
Haleyson	4 13 3	1	10
Ailsa	4 11 7	2	8
Bonito	4 14 4	3	6
Daphne	4 11 9	4	10
Gladys	4 11 5	5	4
Sealark	4 12 4	6	15
Boojum	4 12 2	7	15
Adanne	4 11 2	8	27
Ursula	4 17 4	9	11
Belinda	4 15 6	10	3
Spray	4 11 2	11	1
Joan	4 18 4	12	13
Pierrette	4 13 2	13	7

The "skippers" were:—Haleyson,
Miss Phillips; Ailsa, Mrs. Brom-
wich; Bonito, Mrs. Scott; Daphne,
Mrs. Arthur; Gladys, Mrs. Adams;
Sealark, Mrs. Cock; Boojum, Miss
G. Grace; Adanne, Mrs. Mitchell;
Ursula, Mrs. Davison; Belinda,
Miss Grace; Spray, Miss Robert-
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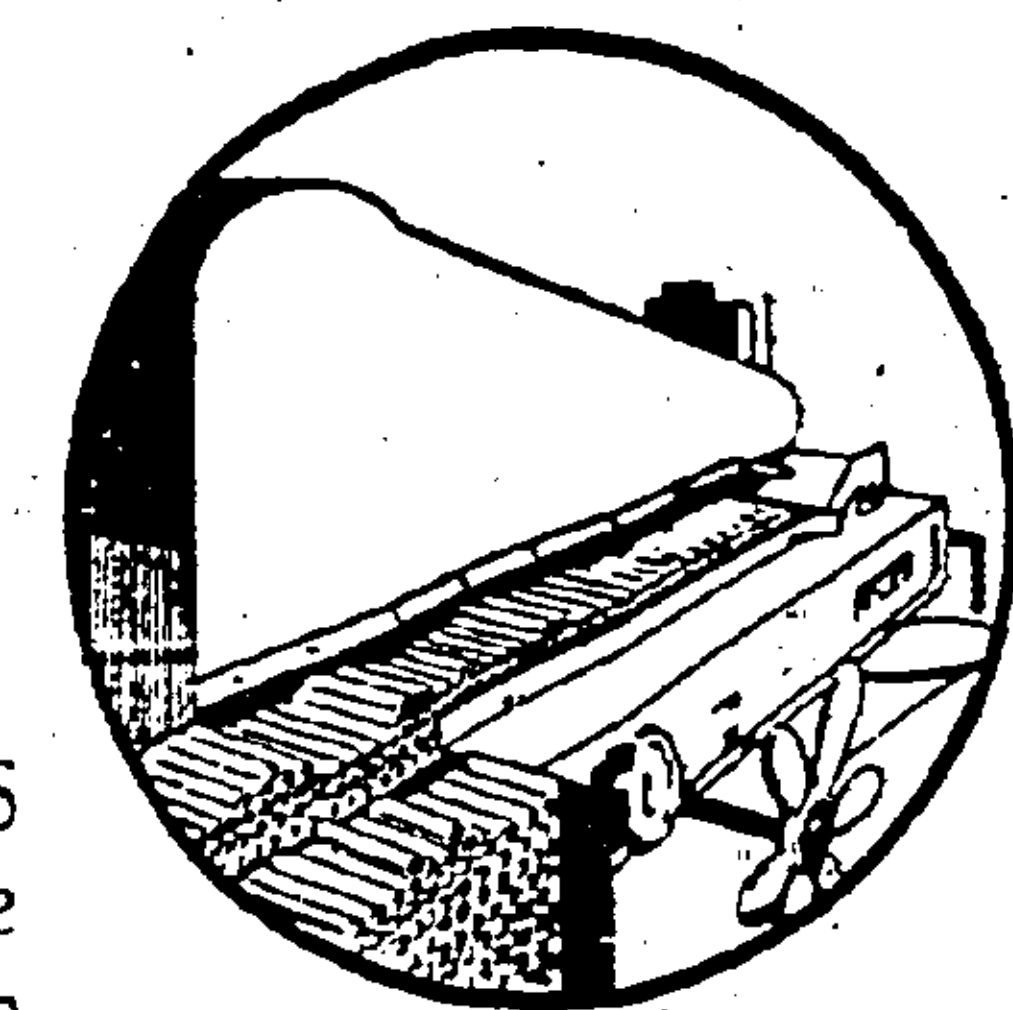
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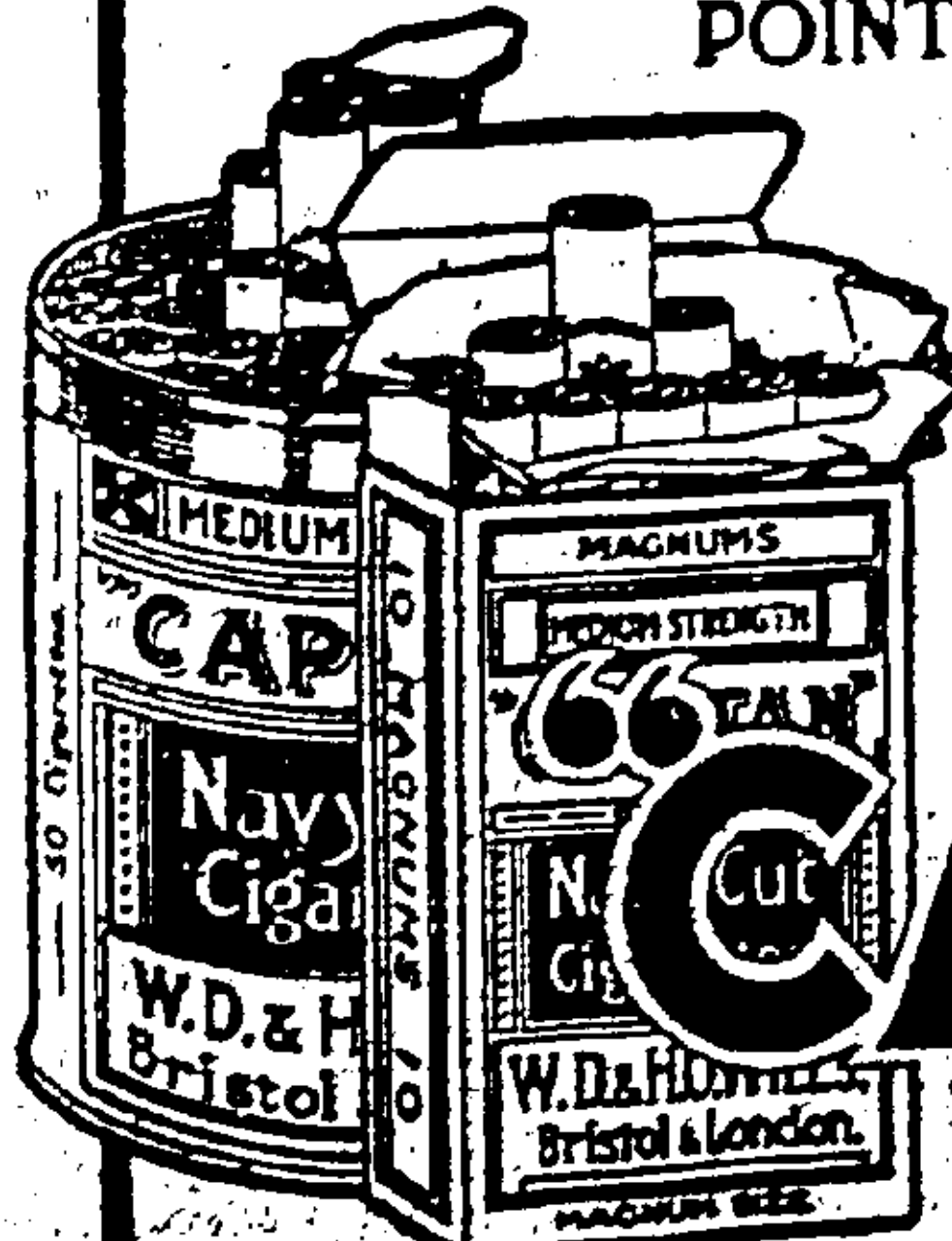
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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays & Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

Hongkong, 24th Dec. 1923.

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Goods not cleared by the 2nd

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays & Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 22nd Dec. 1923.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

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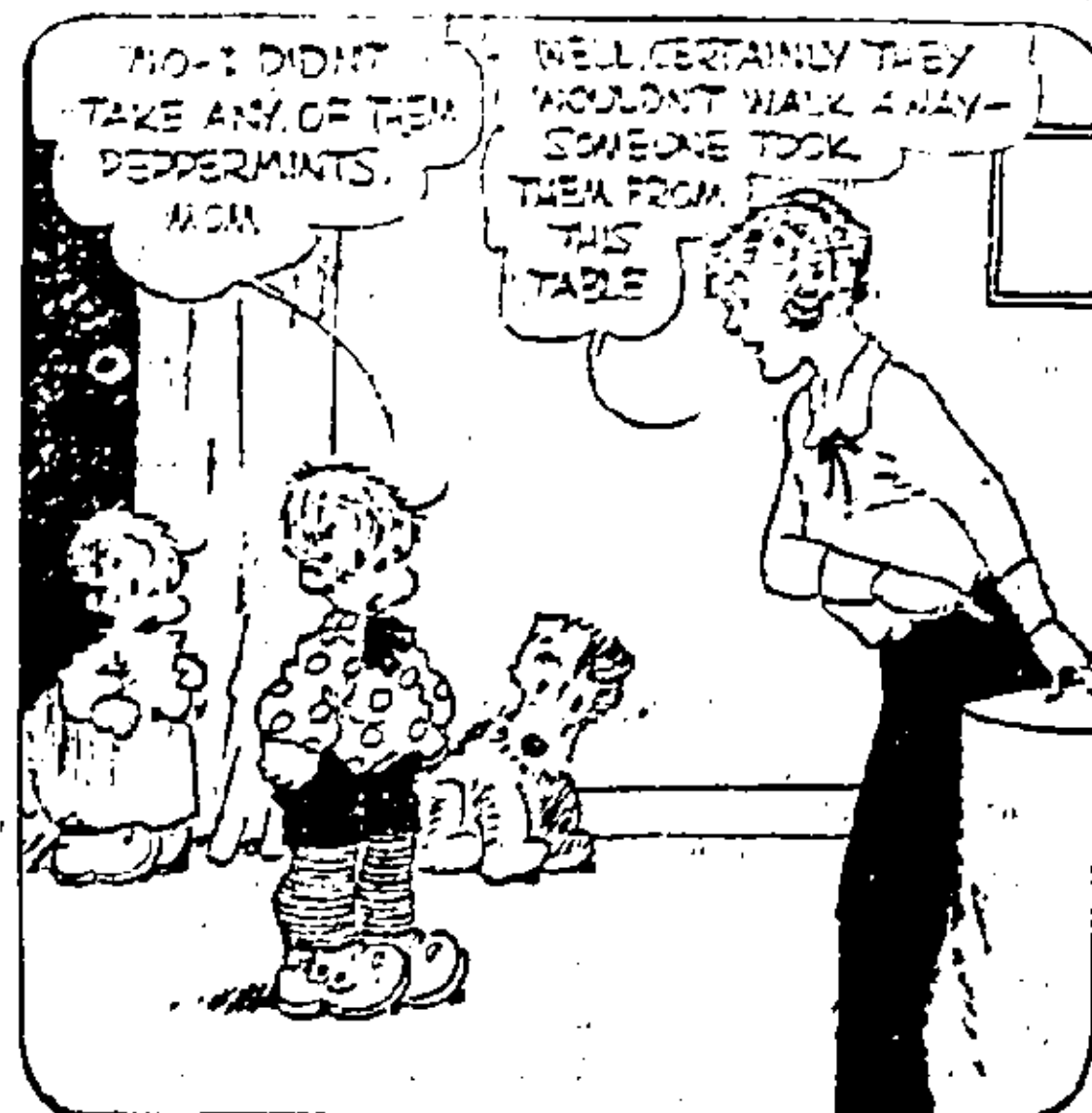
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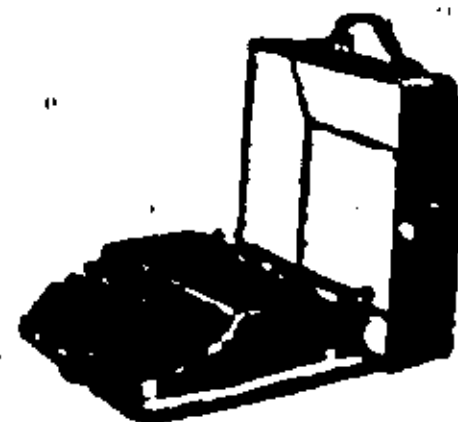
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HONGKONG, 26th Dec., 1923.

THE NEW ASIA.

For some years now have wise men of the West pondered the future of Asia, with its many millions of people absorbing the civilisation of the European nations, mingling it with their own, more ancient, and probably gradually selecting the best of both for their special needs. Bound up with this spirit of the Western races, grafted on a continent which at first failed to hold its own against the aggressive thrust of the younger, more vigorous, and more scientific nations, is the growing "consciousness" (for want of a better term) that the East is exhibiting of its superior knowledge over even two decades ago, and the restlessness under what is considered the yoke imposed by dominant alien races. Unfortunately, some of the evils of the West have been as readily assimilated as the good things, and we have frequent instances of the harm that the education in foreign ways has brought to previously contented peoples. It is a problem which the nations of European stock must face squarely. Already there is a realisation that sooner or later the Asiatic peoples who are now subjects of foreign Powers must have a greater measure of self-government.

But the way of the agitator, especially the anarchist, has always been impatient, sometimes destructive, and the present movement in India known as Swaraj is an example in point. Nobody can doubt the justice of the Indians' claim to a further share in their administration, but the thinking man realises that the guiding hand of a strong protector is yet needed. One of the drawbacks to entire self-government in India would be the clash of races and castes. It is of special significance, then, to note the rational pact which a Reuter message reports is to be discussed at the forthcoming congress of Indian peoples. Communal, religious and class differences are to be dropped (so far, in theory) and the ultimate goal is declared to be "to participate in the formation of a federation of Asiatic peoples for the purpose of the emancipation of Asia from European economic exploitation and domination."

That gives the West an idea of how its development of previously war-ridden and poverty-stricken peoples is distorted by the vision of discontented individuals. A great scheme is foreshadowed in that pact. It is one thing to plan, and another to perform. Nevertheless, it is a sign of the times.

As Others See Us.

It is always interesting to read and hear of what others think of us. Hongkong often has that experience, for so many visitors come to our shores, and the great majority form distinct impressions of the place and the people which they often impart to others, whilst through the medium of the printed word we are not left in ignorance of what those impressions are. It is comforting to feel that, in the main, praise and not criticism is the usual note struck. Recently a well-known Shanghai editor was in our midst, and he has been committing to paper what he thought of Hongkong. He is no exception to the rule, for the greater part of his article is taken up with singing our praises and telling his readers what a lovely spot Hongkong is in the winter. Our excellent roads and well-kept streets as well as our calm and ordered coming and going, excite his admiration, as these things are in sharp contrast with conditions in Shanghai. There is, however, a fly in the ointment: in this case, our much maligned City Hall. Our editor friend was amongst those who attended the St. Andrew's Ball, and he thus had an excellent opportunity of seeing how utterly inadequate the place is for events of this character. Hence his words: "The building is old, crazy and absurdly small for the crowds packed into it." So we know what a Shanghai editor thinks of our pet monstrosity. Just as there is fairly unanimous opinion at the beauty of our scenery and the magnificence of our roads, so there is an accumulation of evidence showing that our City Hall has had its day. It has more than served the generation for which it was built. And nobody would regret the circumstance if it were laid low by some kindly act of providence.

Boxing Day.

The name "Boxing Day" has nothing to do with the manly art, despite the fact that quite a number of youngsters have somehow managed to gain that impression. Christmas "boxes" is a term now applied to gifts given away on the day following Christmas—that is, on St. Stephen's Day, which is now commonly called Boxing Day whereas anciently it signified the boxes in which the gifts were deposited. These boxes, learned commentators tell us, closely resembled the Roman Paxanalia, for the reception of contributions at rural festivals, from which custom, with certain changes, is said to have been derived our Christmas "boxes." Such is now the generally accepted explanation of the origin of the term. Here in the East, the day does not signify a great deal to us, excepting that for most people it represents a cessation from work, but at Home it is still kept up and is especially an occasion for sports and amusements. The name still survives, though its meaning is becoming less and less borne in mind, and we fear that the giving of "Christmas boxes" is not nearly so general as in days gone by.

THE TEST THAT FAILED.

A bullet-proof vest which it is alleged, failed to stand the test of a 43-calibre bullet shot at it from a distance of ten feet, is the basis of a suit for \$4,000 damages brought by Pierpont Potter in the New York Supreme Court against the makers. Mr. Potter claims that as a salesman for the firm, and to prove the invulnerability of the vest, he put it on and waited for the bullet to be fired at him. The bullet, he alleges, penetrated the vest and wounded him.

MUKDEN TO HAVE TRAMWAY.

The long pending question of constructing a tramway in the city of Mukden has been decided in the affirmative, states the *Manchuria Daily News*, and the contract for the first stage construction work has been awarded to Messrs. Siemens & Schuckert. Tenders were invited for the same contract. Messrs. Takada & Co., Dairen, and the Aoki Electricity Co., (both Japanese firms) are said to have quoted more moderate terms.

DAY BY DAY.

I NEVER INTEND TO GROW OLD.
—Lord Birkenhead.

The Taikoo Club is holding its annual ball in the Club Hall on Friday, January 18th.

On account of the fact that no competitor won the prize last week, we are this week offering \$100 in our Football Competition. Coupon will be found elsewhere.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen gave a speech to the students of the Canton Christian College on Friday on the Customs Surplus question and friendly relationship between the Chinese and the Americans.

An armed robbery was reported as occurring at No. 50, Chatham Road, Kowloon, second floor, occupied by an Indian family, at ten o'clock this morning. Details are not available at the moment.

A Kobe telegram to the *Daily Bulletin* states that the part of the Oriental Hotel destroyed by fire includes the ballroom and 10 rooms. All the guests who were burned out can be accommodated in the other parts of the hotel.

Inland Lot 2460, situate at Bowen Road, was sold by public auction at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday. The upset price for the lot, which has an area of 6,700 square feet, was \$2,510. The price rose, mainly by \$100 bids, to \$3,200 at which figure it was knocked down to Capt. Brown of the Hongkong Electric Company.

Tea houses in Canton, which went on strike fifty days ago on account of a dispute between the merchants and the labourers, resume business this morning, says the *Canton Gazette* of yesterday. During the long period they suspended business very heavy losses were sustained by them. At last they recognised the danger of carrying on any further. Consequently they had the matter settled amicably.

A Kowloon correspondent writes under date of December 23rd: "The trouble here between the soldiers and the merchant volunteers culminated in a skirmish about noon on the 20th inst. Gun-firing could be heard in the city, but the fighting was soon suppressed by the responsible authorities. Admiral Chan Chak returned from Canton on the 21st, after a week's absence, and he immediately looked into the matter. The trouble has now been settled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned."

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Lieut. Neville Lionel John Pisan, H.M.S. Marston, to Miss Joan Pamela Stuart Warrington, of No. 18, Dracott Place, London S.W.; Mr. Guy Robson Haywood, solicitor, Empress Lodge, Kowloon; to Miss Violet Constance Seale of Empress Lodge, Kowloon; Dr. Alexander James Watson, en route to Pakhoi; to Dr. Louise Griffiths, of Pakhoi; W. A. J. Guardian, accountant, Holland and China Trading Company, to Miss H. A. Andrews, of Tientsin.

We regret to record the death of Mr. M. S. Wells, manager of the Hongkong Cigar Store, which took place at midnight on Saturday at his residence, No. 3, Leighton Hill Road, at the age of 65 years. The deceased gentleman, who was of a most cheery disposition and widely known, came to the Colony some fifteen years ago to join the staff of Taikoo Dock, where he remained until appointed manager of the Cigar Store some two years ago. He was a prominent member of the Craigengower Cricket Club, a Freemason and a member of the Royal Order of Buffaloes. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Sunday afternoon, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie officiating.

PRINCE REGENTS WEDDING.

It is said that in consequence of the earthquake disaster the wedding ceremony of H.I.H. the Prince Regent will be carried out in very simple style, and that advice has lately been conveyed to foreign Courts and Governments through the Japanese Ambassadors and Ministers abroad that it is hoped that special envoys will not be sent to attend the ceremony, reports the *Kobe Herald*. Accordingly it will be left to the Ambassadors and Ministers in Tokyo to convey congratulations on behalf of their monarchs or presidents.

**IN NORTHCLIFFE'S
FOOTSTEPS.**

**A TRIP TO MACAO—AND
BACK.**

(SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH.")

Before I set sail for these shores, I had read an account by the late Lord Northcliffe of his visit to old-world Macao, which he termed the Riviera of the East, and I made up my mind that I should journey one day to that Portuguese colony, with all its traditions of the past, and see for myself what its attractions were like.

The opportunity came recently, and I arranged to do the trip with a friend who had been there once before. Well, briefly, we had a most enjoyable day, and decided that Macao really required about a week to be explored thoroughly—and profusely photographed—at one's leisure. When its special appeal (apart from the gambling tables) becomes better known to tourists, I venture to predict a great flood of sightseers; and they should hurry, perhaps, before a severe typhoon or earthquake demolishes some of the remaining curiosities of the place. But I am anticipating.

We had arranged to leave by an early-morning boat—as it happened it was a vessel of pacy renown—and prepared ourselves for a barrage of "snapshooting" by laying in a stock of films and overhauling our trusty cameras. Horace (my chum) has a wonderful instrument, which sometimes gets surprising results. It has half the buckram (or whatever it is) covering gone, and in other ways exhibits the long and faithful service to which it has been put; but it was well worth the \$10 he paid for it, second-hand. Mine cost about the same when it was new—but that was in pre-war days, of course.

The morning broke chilly and drizzly (as was only to be expected). I hurried forth to our rendezvous, and arrived six minutes late. To my relief, Horace was not there, so I said to myself, I could take him to task for oversleeping when he eventually arrived. Fifteen minutes later I was telephoning frantically to his hotel to know whether he was coming or not. Somehow, they heard me at the other end; though some workmen on the roof of the Star Ferry pier (I was using the public phone there) were doing their best to emulate the village smith at his anvil. Horace, of course, had departed. I found I had ten minutes in hand; and jumped into a ricksha, told the man to "fai-tee," cursed two coolies, a brag, and three praya loafers who got in the way and delayed us, and reached the boat as the gangway was being unhitched. To sail or not to sail, that was the question—until I espied a worried-looking Horace on deck.

When we met, he told a thrilling tale of a missed ferry, a taxi driver who had no sense of local geography, and a race for the ship in which he beat me by just two minutes. Anyhow, we had started! I wish those Indian guards would not fiddle about with their rifles in that nonchalant manner, with the muzzles pointed first at one's head and then at one's stomach. Just before tiffin, too, I believe those things have been known to go off.

Macao is pretty—and quaint. We reached there just when Horace and I were deciding to write up a first-class piracy yarn for the *Wide World Magazine*, for which purpose he wanted to "snap" me leaning up against one of the ship's grills.

We took some views of the fishing fleet, with its nets slung up to the masts to dry, and the contour of Macao from the sea, including the miniature fort (at the mercy of a single discharge from a modern battleship) with two soldiers very visible and quite a big flag floating overhead in the wintry breeze.

We decided to do without a guide (Horace avowing his remembrance of localities), and to do most of our exploring on foot.

How can one put into words adequate expression one's first impressions of the place? With its narrow, sloping, twisting, cobble-stone streets; its rusted iron lampholders set in the walls; its old-fashioned buildings, its ruins, and its actually antique atmosphere, it recalled many a scene in the old-world towns of Southern Europe. One feature of many of the most congested streets was their cleanliness; and another thing that struck me was the plentiful supply of policemen. We also wondered how the postmen found addresses, as a roadway appeared

to change its name every fifteen or twenty yards.

A remarkable feature of the Chinese population was: their apparent contentedness, and their very sensible demeanour (compared with some of the populace of Hongkong). They did not crowd round us, or flee when we turned our cameras on them, and they moved out of the way when we wanted to take some view where instinct apparently told them they would be an obstruction. And adult beggars were conspicuous by their absence.

One cannot omit reference to the post and telegraph office, presumably the only one they have. We wanted to despatch some postcards, and went in to buy stamps. It proved to be a place of one-room dimensions, with a portion about fifteen feet by four feet divided off for the public. There was no ink to be had, when I found my fountain pen had run dry. We had to gum the stamps to make them stick, and this we did by smearing the muckage on from two glass-topped desks which were plentifully smeared with gum, and dirt. An alleged paste pot had nothing in it; and instead of a brush there was a small chip of bamboo chained to the desk! We had never before been in such a post office, in all our travels.

In getting our change, we were given surplus stamps for the three cents or so due to us. Horace, by mistake, took up some stamp intended for an old Chinese woman next to him, and the girl who was selling them took them from his hand with a glance of deep reproach, and a perfect Latin grace that made us feel quite apologetic! Unfortunately she spoke very little English, and we knew no Portuguese.

The time seemed to pass all too quickly as we trained our cameras first here and then there at scenes of interest. There was something worth "taking" almost at every turn. Our Mecca was the ruined Cathedral of the Mother of Our Lord (so we translated the inscription) which stands on a hill next to an old fortress, and forms a landmark visible some way out at sea. We caught sight of it over and anon, to the right then to the left, and it seemed to disappear most exasperatingly. I tried the word "Eglise" on an Indian constable, without visible result. This attempt to turn French into Portuguese is a frost. We had practically given up hope and decided to return to the ship, when we turned a corner, and there was the ruin not fifty yards away!

It is only the facade that is left, and the fates grant that it lasts for many a long year yet. The figures moulded and sculptured on the stonework are very striking—the winged devil and grisly skeleton especially. As one gazes on that relic of the past, visions of roving grandees with ruffs, doublet and hose crossed one's mind. . . .

We had no time—and hardly the inclination—to try our luck at the tables; and on the way back we listened to the experiences of an American whom the goddess of chance appeared to have deserted.

Well, here's to Macao, the absolutely unique!

AN INNOCENT ABROAD.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The Chinese still remain an agricultural nation. Any ordinary family owns and cultivates its fields. Every villager has his own house, no matter how small, and his farming implements and animals. In his harvest, figured in English money, he has perhaps only a few guineas in value, but it means affluence to him. His wants can be easily satisfied. What he wants is a simple livelihood, and he does not trouble much about luxurious existence. Here is an anecdote in point. A man was brought up in the wilderness where the weather was exceedingly cold. One day he went out into the sunshine to get warm, and he enjoyed it; but thought its existence was a secret, so he rushed to the palace to tell his king about it. This is only a little illustration, of course, but the underlying idea still exists showing that the people are simple and content. Confucius taught: "One who is content is never in embarrassment." According to classical teaching, happiness is to be sought in the individual mind, and not in material conditions and surroundings. In other words, the individual could be satisfied with his worldly lot. Hence the popular acceptance even of poverty and humble position.

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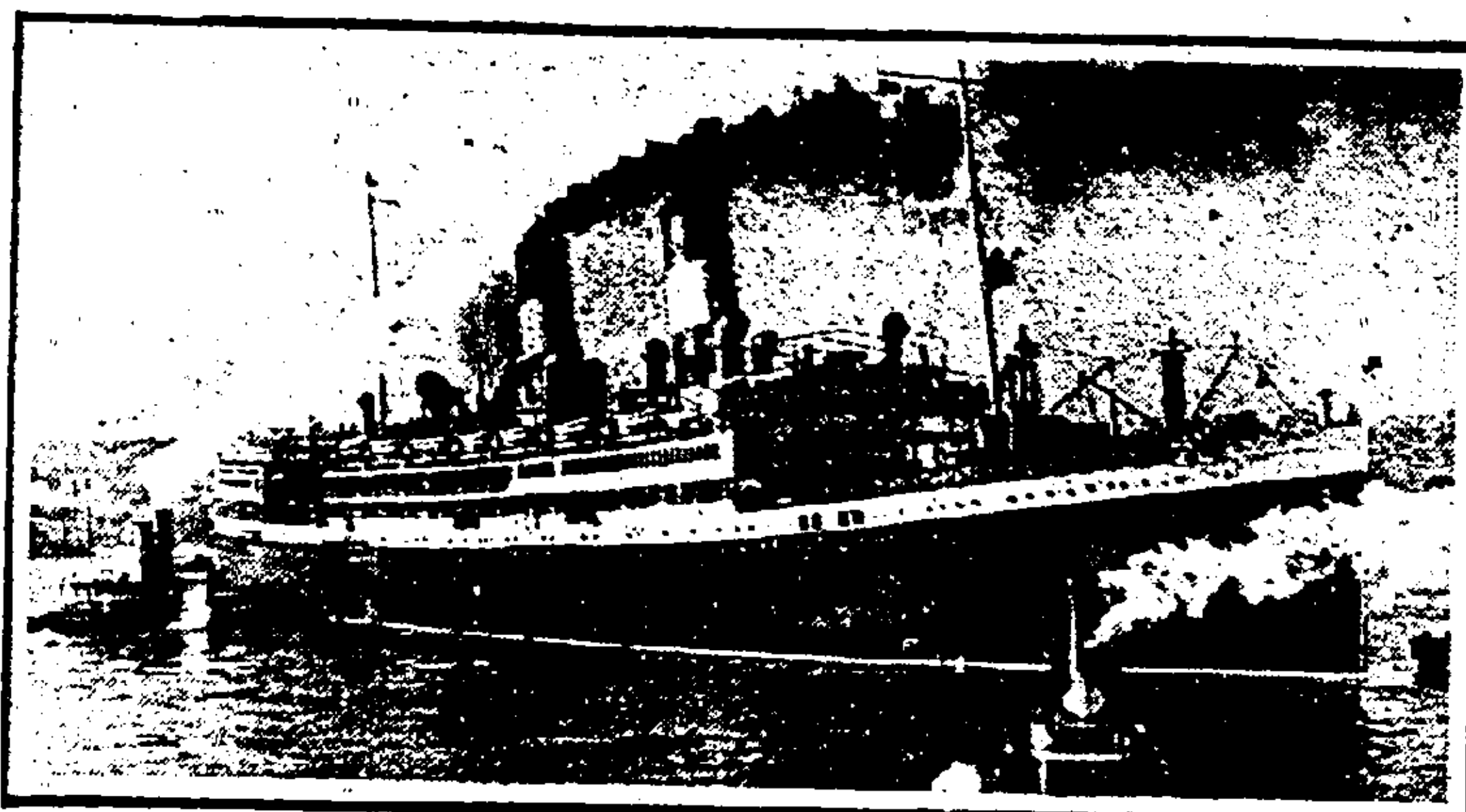
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CAMERA NEWS.



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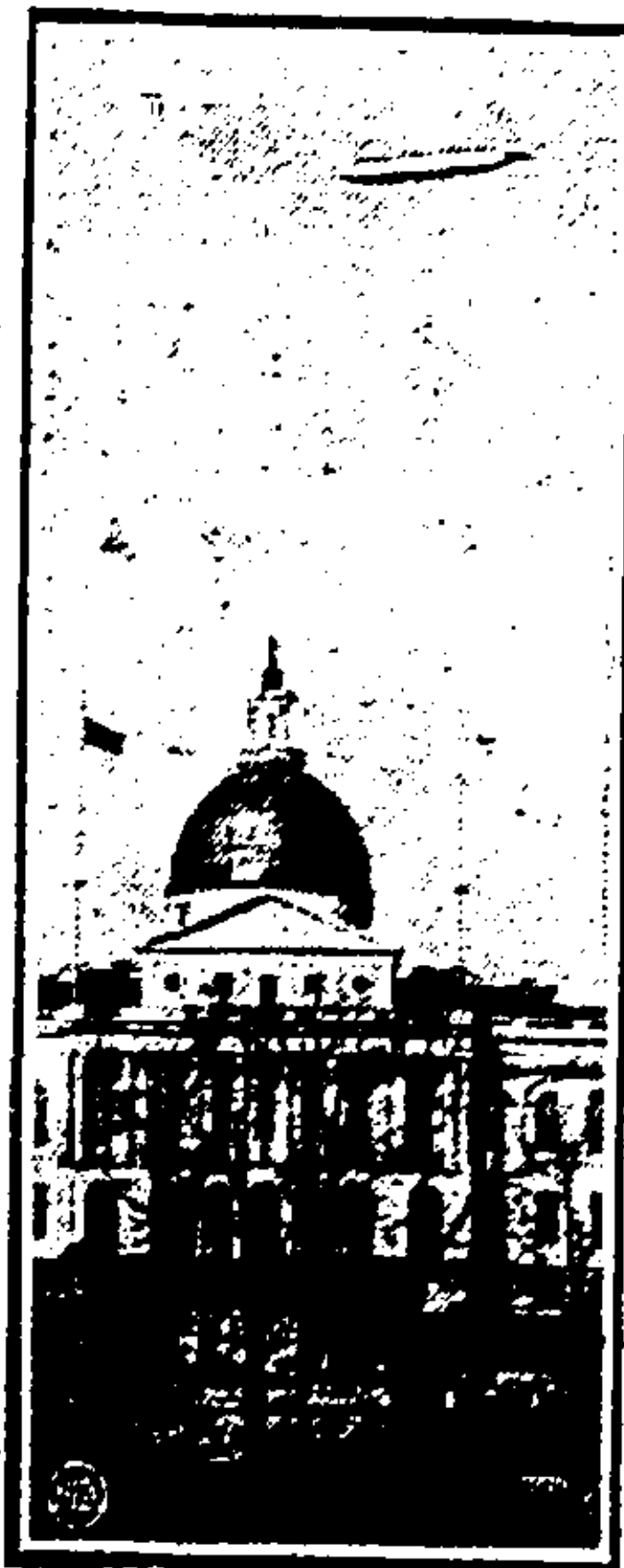
The Salvation Army is holding its 35th annual reunion in Washington. Officials were honoured with an audience with President Coolidge. Here the president is shown photographed with some of the leaders.



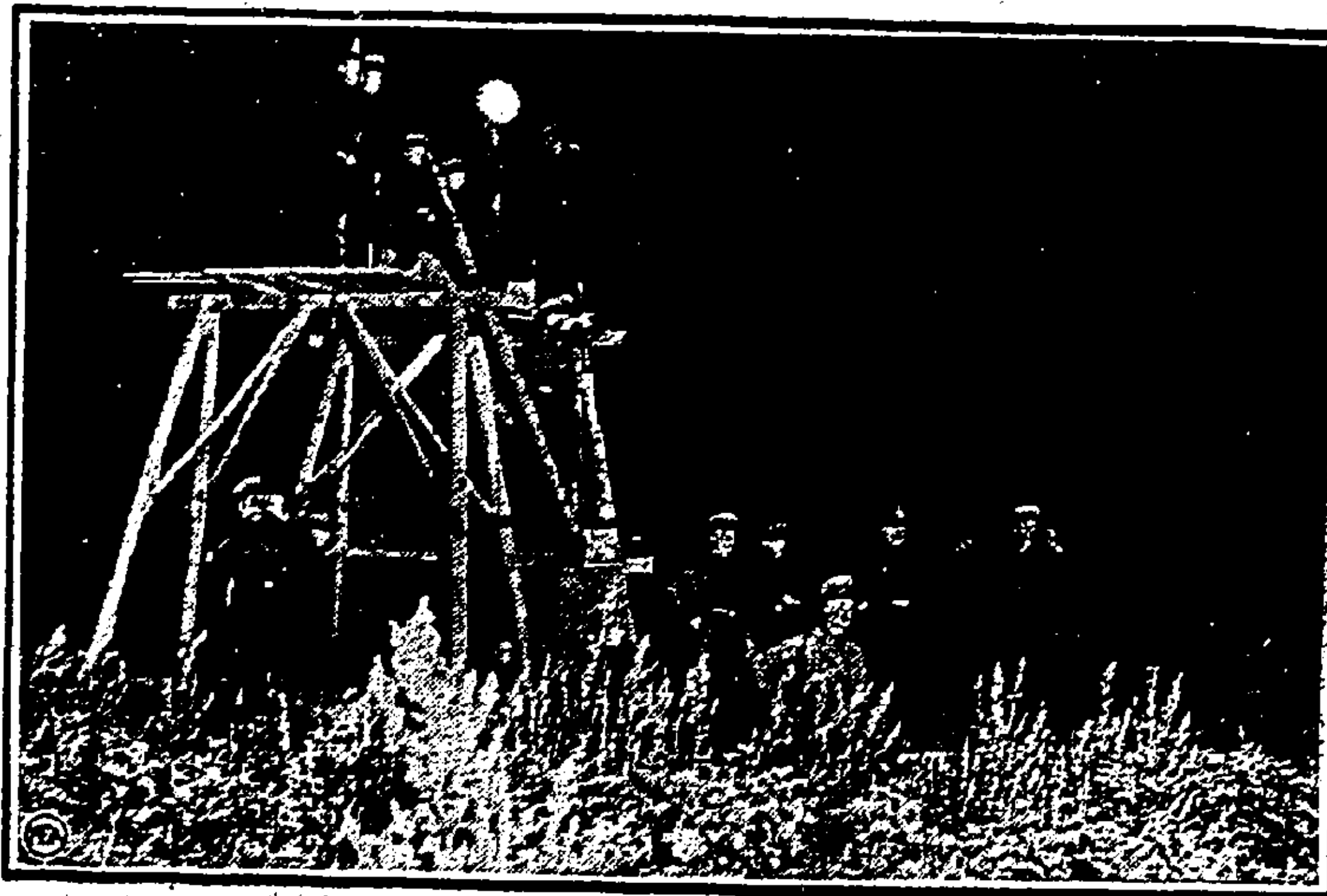
Royalty has its Christmas cards as well as the rest of us. This year the Prince of Wales will have the one shown on left representing "The Founding of Eton College." The Queen's card will carry the picture shown in centre, "Girlhood of Mary, Queen of Scots." The King's (right) represents "William Prince of Orange landing at Torbay in 1688." All are painted by Howard Davis.



Princess Maude, King George's niece, recently married Lord Carnegie. Photo shows King George kissing the bride on steps of Guard's Chapel, London. Lord Carnegie is on top of steps at upper left of photo.



This shows the Shenandoah above the State house in Boston. It was the big ship's first trip to Boston and thousands stood below in wide-eyed admiration.



This is the most striking picture to come out of Germany so far as the food scarcity is concerned. So desperate are the Berlin people that many trudge miles into the country in the hope of stealing a few potatoes from the farms. The photo shows the Britz police force on night guard. A great electric searchlight plays over the field. Officers with telescopes are looking for thieves.



Sir Louis A. Newton, British banker (top), is the new Lord Mayor of London. He was knighted by King George during the war. Below is his wife.

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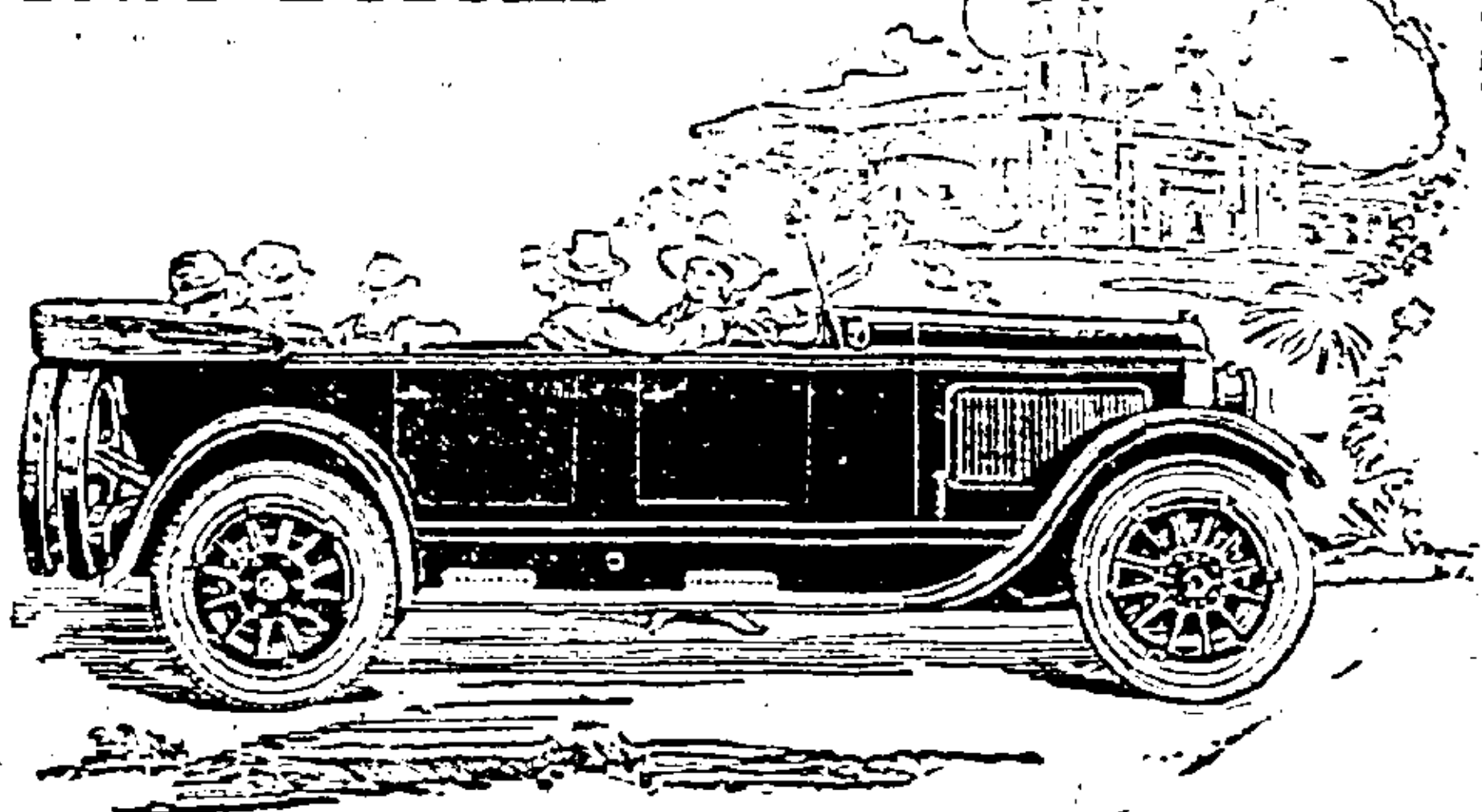
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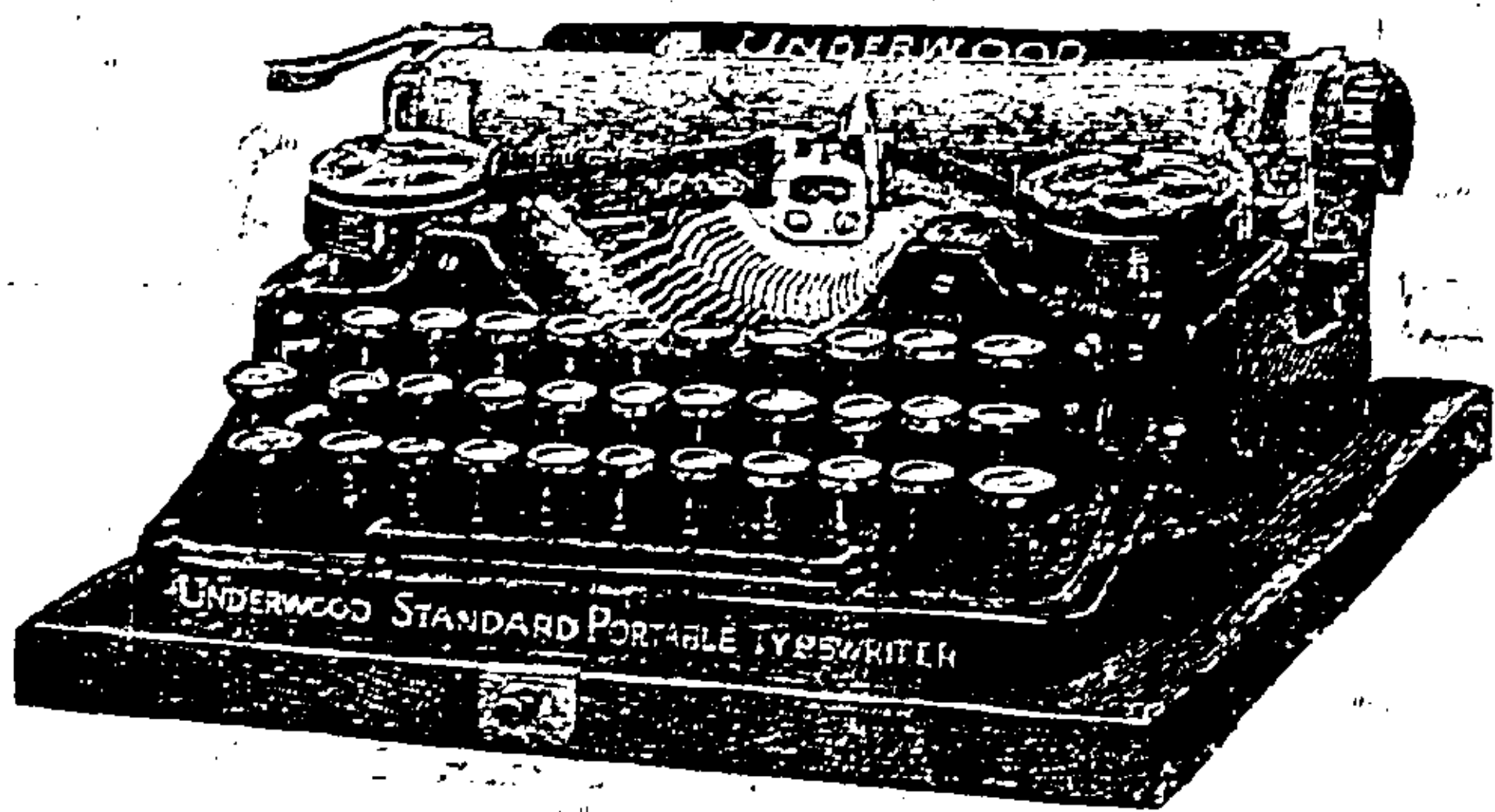
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From Yesterdays, Long Agoes,
Under the rose, the rose,
What song is it he sings?
What news is it he brings?
Of old, of beloved things?

The Wind of Youth is young;
He goes with a careless song:
No years have done him wrong.

The Wind of Youth is sad,
Nay, he is merry and glad
With the heart of a lad, a lad.
By the Wind of Youth and its word.

Like the song of a fairy bird,
The secret springs are stirred.
O, Wind of Youth in the tree,
Go by, nor trouble me,
With news of the lost country.

That all so heavenly shows
Under the rose, the rose,
Where none returns, none goes.
KATHARINE TYNAN.

RADIO NOTES AND NEWS.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AERIAL.

Among the most interesting phases of radio development is the evolution of the aerial, which is in itself indicative of the trend of all progress in the science. With the improvement in sensitivity of receiving apparatus, the aerial has become smaller and more efficient.

It is not a long jump back to the early days of wireless, when aerials were made as long as existing conditions would permit, and especially so on ships. It seemed to be the general theory then that the longer the aerial was made, so much greater would be the distance over which signals could be received. To a certain extent this was certainly true in a day when the art of tuning was little understood, and spark signals wandered in over almost every possible adjustment on a wireless receiver.

Radio experts now emphasise the need of using a comparatively short, clear, single-wire antenna for reception, since exhaustive experiments have proved this to be the most satisfactory when used with an efficient receiving set. On short-wave work the G.P.O. 100-ft. limit for a single-wire aerial is an ample allowance, and in many cases it might profitably be cut down to 75 ft.

The advent of the valve, with its possibilities for radio-frequency amplification, made practicable the frame aerial, which, of course, under present conditions can only be used satisfactorily for broadcast reception by receivers having two or three stages of H.F. amplification, although spark signals may be heard by using it in a set employing reaction or regeneration.

Future developments will doubtless abolish the aerial altogether for reception purposes, and even frame aerials may only be used as an adjunct to tuning because of their directional effect. Already announcements have been made of a little gadget from Burnside, Ltd., which, it is claimed, will eliminate the often unsightly out door aerial and take up no more space than a condenser.

CHANGES IN 20 YEARS.

The remarkable change that has taken place in the understanding of what constitutes an efficient aerial is more apparent when we remember that only twenty years ago an operator at sea would have wept in anguish at the thought of being assigned to a liner which had an aerial less than 350 ft. from end to end, while a single-line antenna was undreamed of.

Of course, at that time there was only one type of receiver in general use, and that was the coherer set. The magnetic detector was just making its debut, and the possibilities of crystals were being investigated. So far as the coherer was concerned, tuning, as we know it to-day, was not thought of, since it was not necessary.

It remained for the discovery of the thermionic valve and the production of undamped or continuous waves to bring about efficient tuners and receivers, and to make possible the radiophone of to-day. The shape, length and height of the aerial for the amateur will always be governed by local conditions, but in a general way the following points should be kept in mind.

In the first place it should only consist, where possible, of a single wire. It should be well insulated wherever it is supported. It should have as few angles as possible. It should not be too long in the inverted L type or too closely spaced in the T type.

The L type is the more directional of the two in its effect, and, wherever used, should have its lead-in nearest the station it is desired to listen to. The T type will give better reception from all directions than the former type and it is most suitable for erection when the amateur is situated in the centre of a number of broadcasting stations and wishes to hear as many of them as possible.

THE SINGLE LICENCE.

Evidence is accumulating on every hand to show that we are not likely to get out of one particular wood until we have a single licence, says a Home commentator. It is surprising to note the ideas about the number of forms of licence and what they stand for, which are held by quite educated people. One of these has asked why there should be four licences, and why the genuine experimenter should have to pay more than a listener.

In? Several others are plaintively asking, "Which license must I get?" In this direction is an opportunity for the contractor to make abundantly clear, either in his window, by advertisement, or by postcard, exactly what the licences really are. It is a form of service likely to be appreciated.

Some may argue that if anybody does not understand such a simple matter from the press, he or she must be past salvation. But this is where lies a fundamental mistake. The great mass of people who are non-wireless, non-electrical, and technical glance roughly through many items in a newspaper, even through the new wireless broadcasting regulations, in the same way as the electrical contractor might look at, shall we say, new rules for foot and mouth disease. This latter is every whit as important to the farmer as are the new wireless regulations to the contractor. We think enough has been said for the moment, but we are rather tempted on a future occasion to develop our special argument into a general one. We must realise that hundreds of thousands have but the haziest idea of anything regarding broadcasting, except that a pretty good number of their friends can "listen-in."

EMPIRE WIRELESS.

"We have on more than one occasion had reason to deplore the long-drawn-out delay in the dispute between the Government and the Marconi Co. with regard to the question of the long-distance transmission stations which this country so badly needs. The recent speech made by the Postmaster-General in connection with the Imperial Conference is really amazing, says a writer in the *Electrical Times*. It is only enthusiasts, he would have us believe, who consider wireless offers a more reliable service than the cable. We were well aware that there existed a large number of wireless enthusiasts in this country, but if his words be true the number is infinitely greater than we suspected. Again, that wireless is to be the handmaid of the cable is a statement not likely to inspire much confidence in the Postmaster's knowledge of the subject, or should we say in that of his experts" who have advised him upon the matter.

Perhaps it would be news to the Postmaster that ordinary levelheaded engineers foresee that within a few years broadcasting will probably involve listening in to speakers in every part of the world. We hammer away at this subject because of the prospect opened up for the whole wireless industry. Other countries are taking every step to prepare for the day when they will be able to send their news and propaganda straight to homes the other side of the world; and every home will have its wireless set for reception from their own and other countries. Are we to lag behind because of the "official mind"?

REMEDIES FOR ATMOSPHERICS.

There have been a good many circuits devised for trying to minimise the effect of the stray disturbances known as "interference," but most of them involve the principle of what was originally the balanced crystal circuit; to-day it is more generally the balanced valve circuit. Briefly, the main idea of this method is to couple two receiving circuits to an aerial. One of these is then tuned so as to receive the desired signal, while the other is tuned to a slightly different frequency; the receiving circuits are so arranged as to send opposing currents through the telephone coil. Now, supposing a reasonably weak transmission of appropriate wave length is received it will affect only the circuit which is tuned to receive it. Should, however, the strongly damped atmospheric strike the aerial both circuits will be affected by it; but as the currents set up in the two circuits send opposing currents of approximately equal value through the telephone coils, the result will be that the effect of the atmospheric will be considerably nullified and is not likely to interfere unduly with the normal transmission.

Apart from circuit design there is not much that can be done, although a high aerial is likely to catch more atmospheric than a lower one. As on other occasions one is recommended to have a high aerial, it is a bit confusing. But like all other questions of engineering design there is a middle line of compromise which is often the best.



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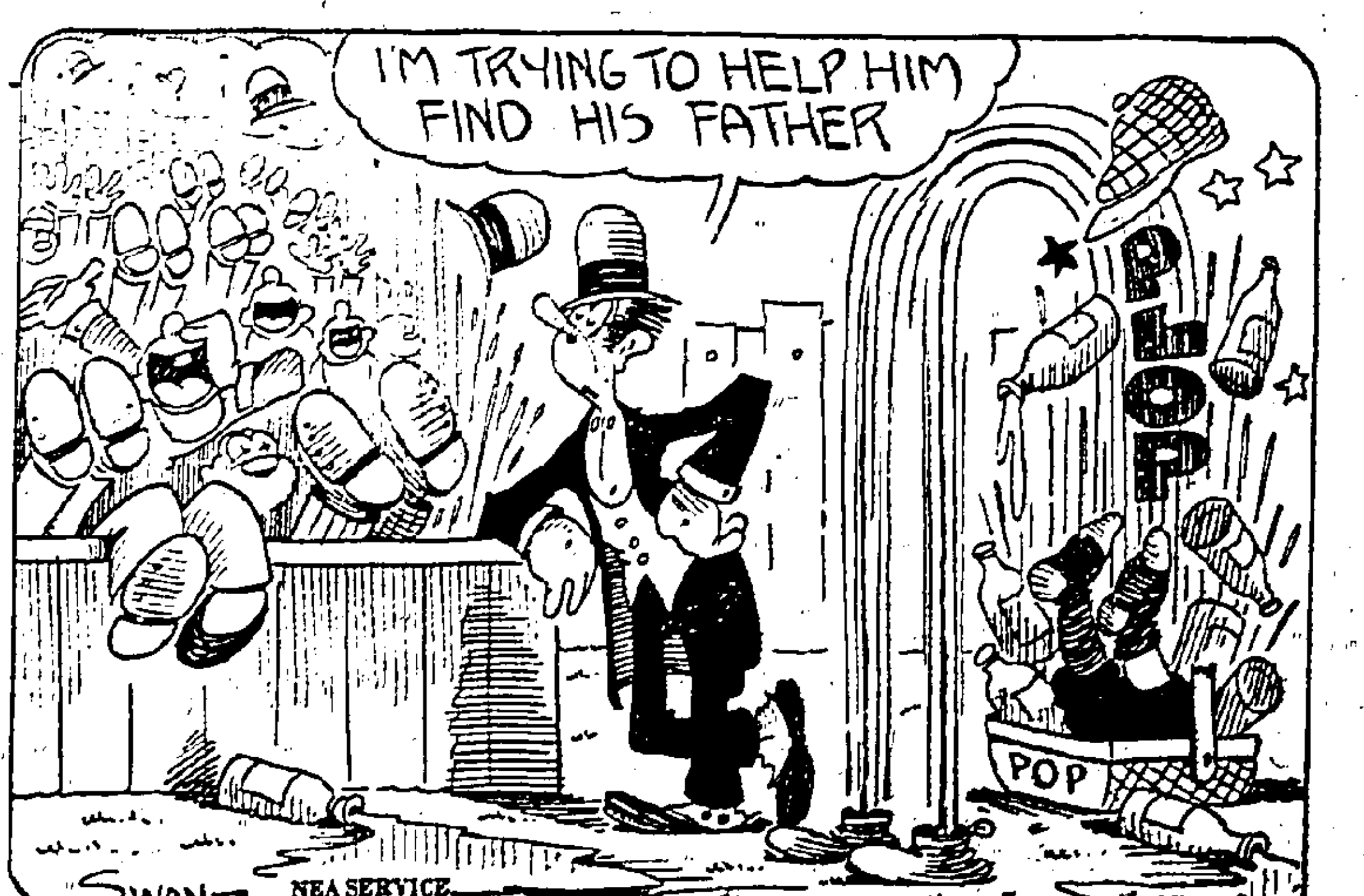
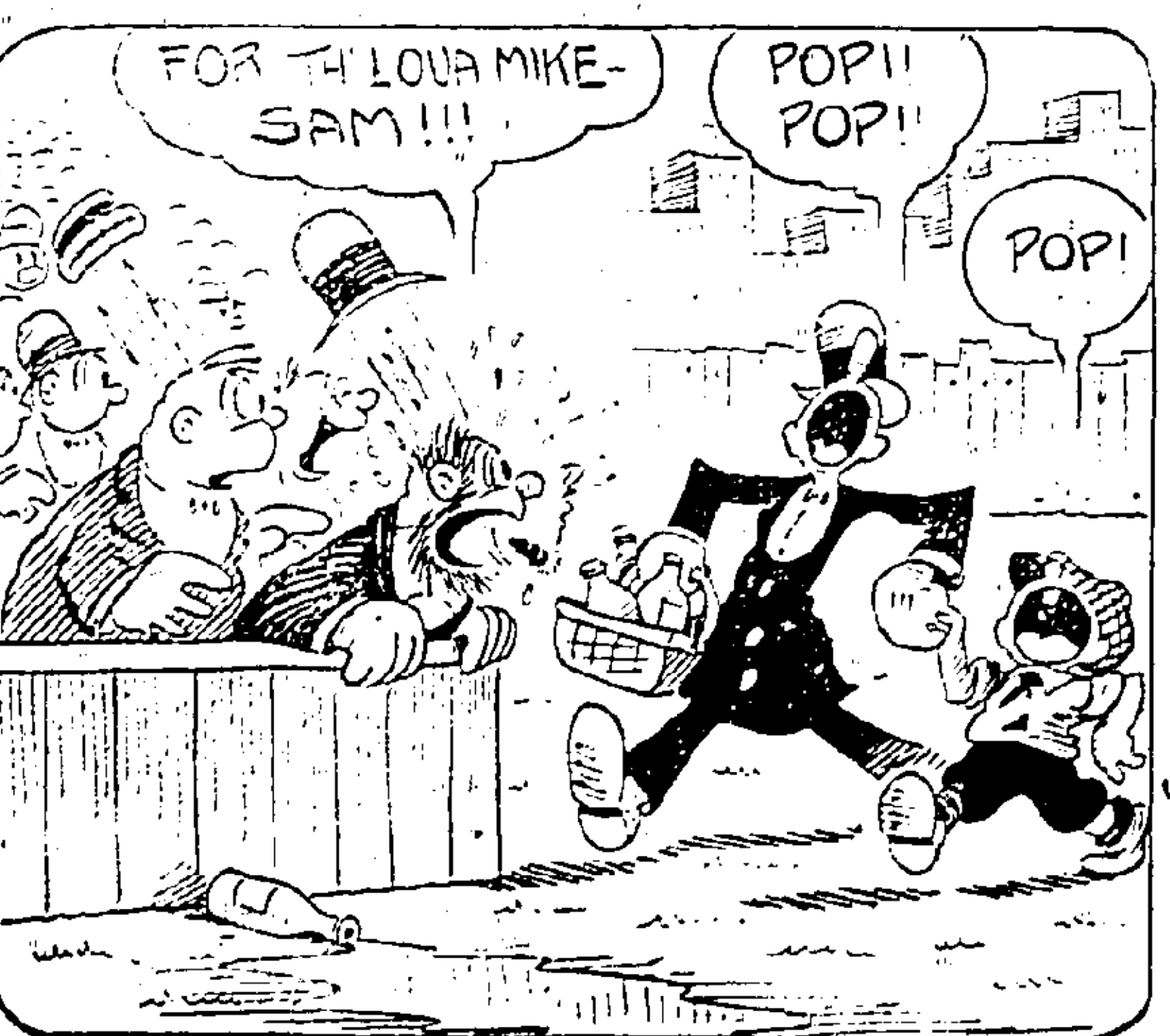
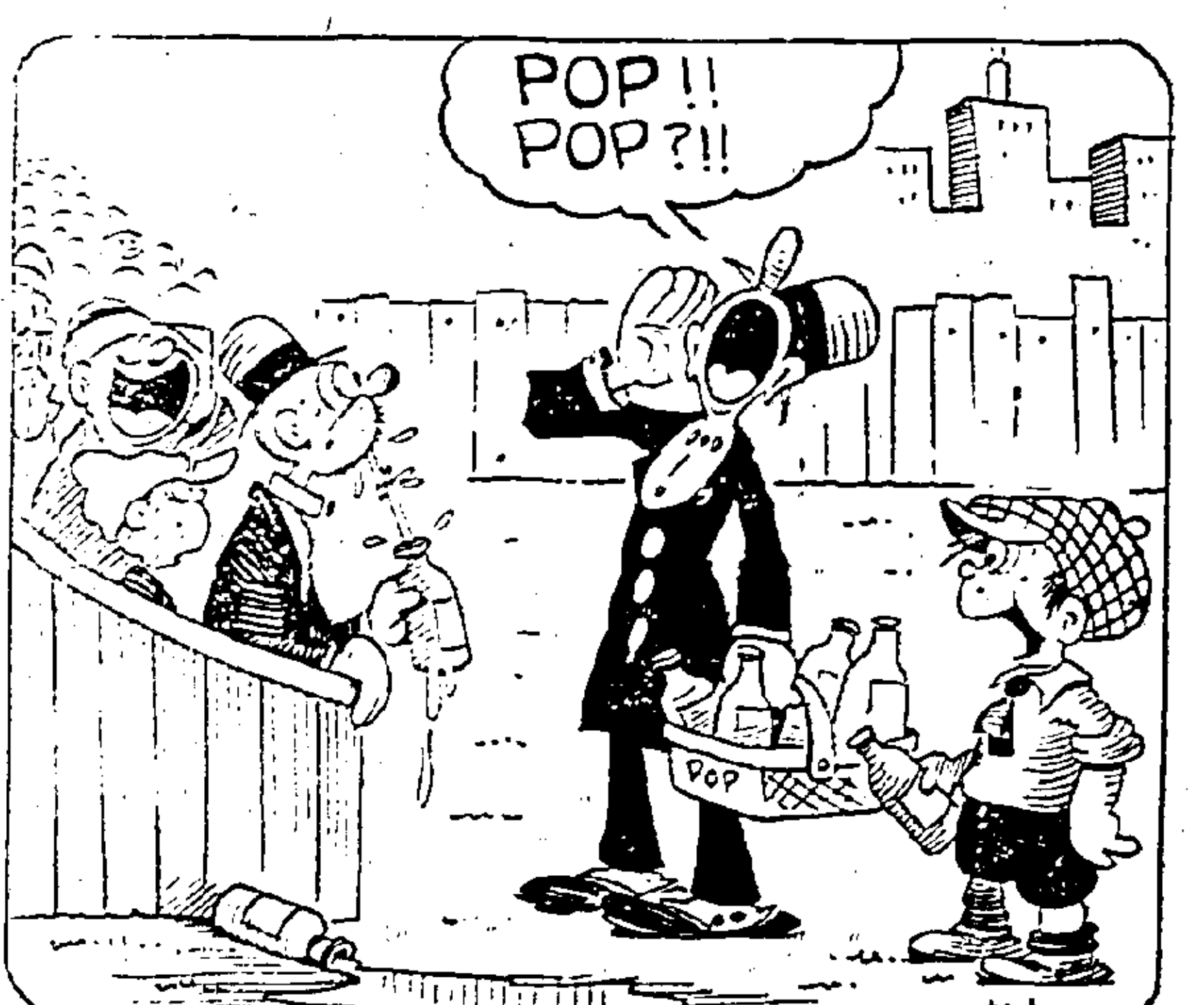
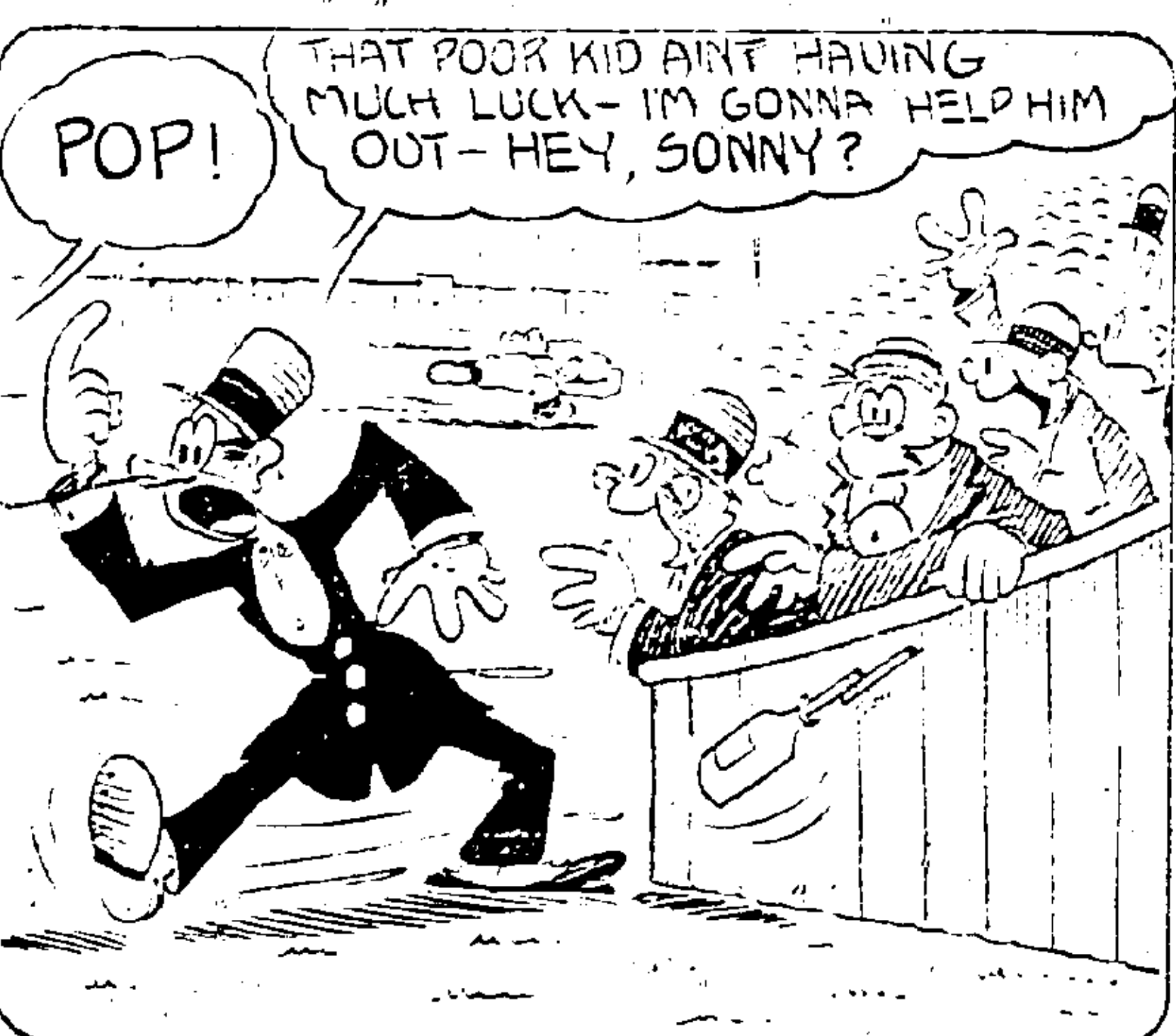
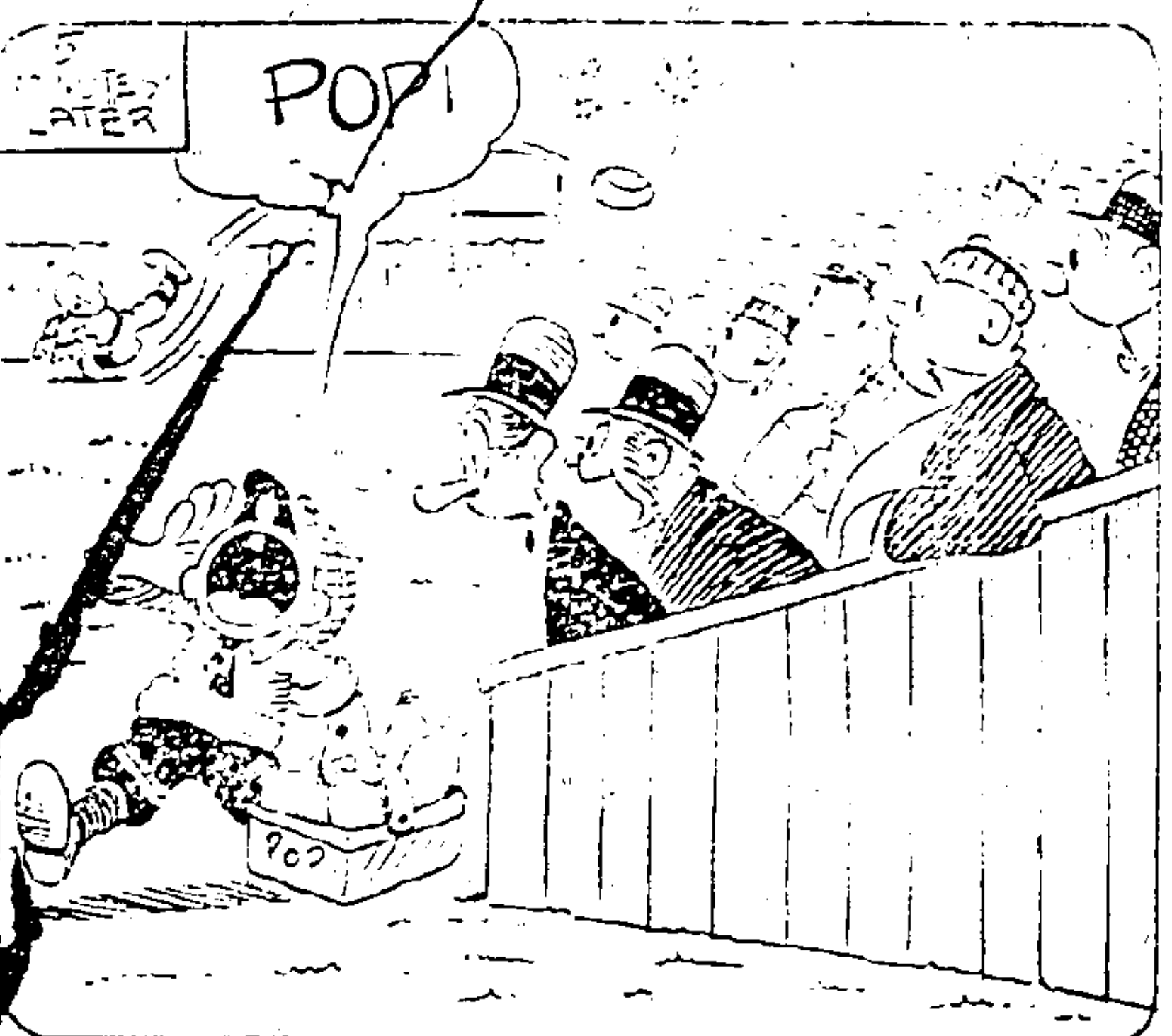
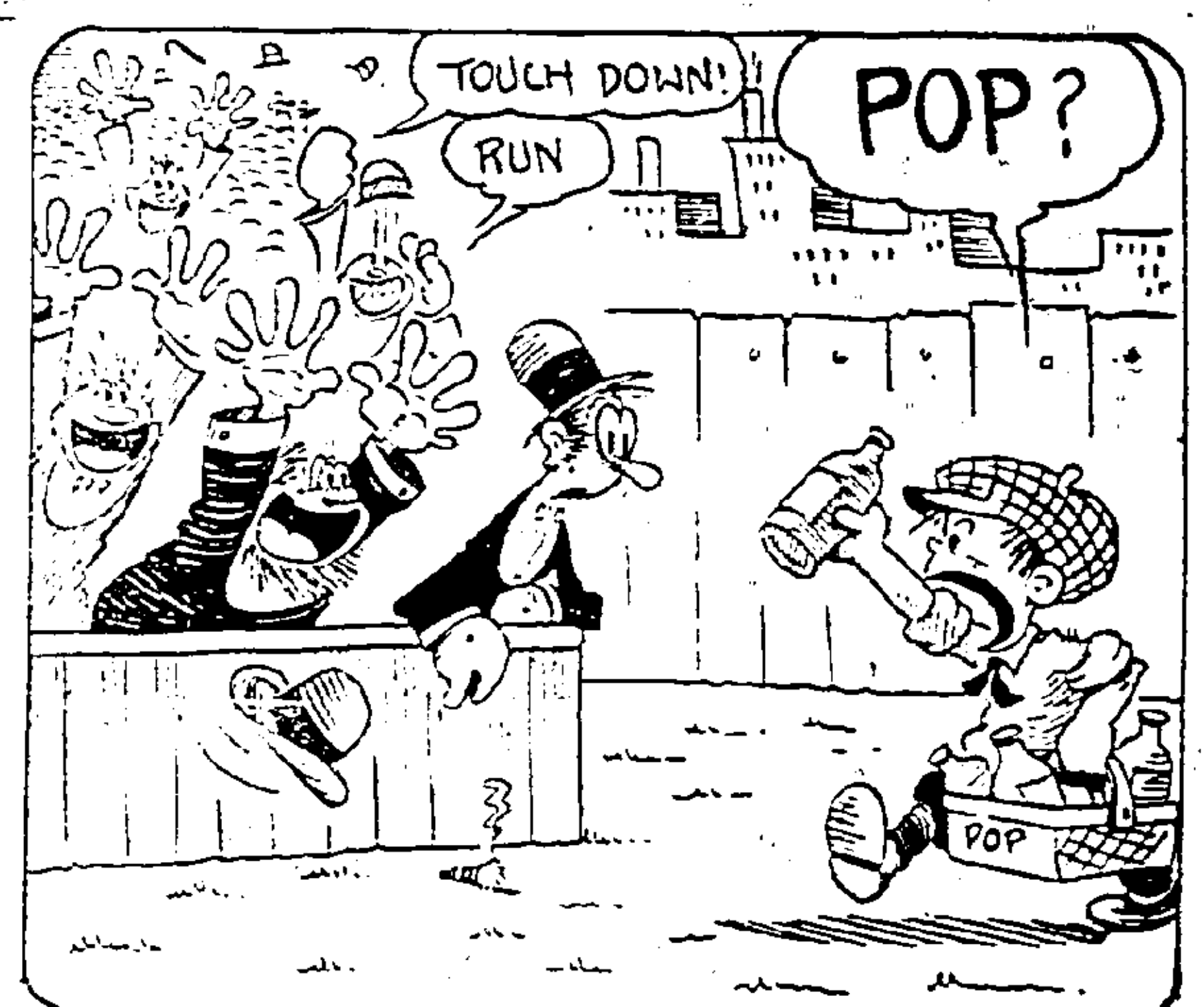
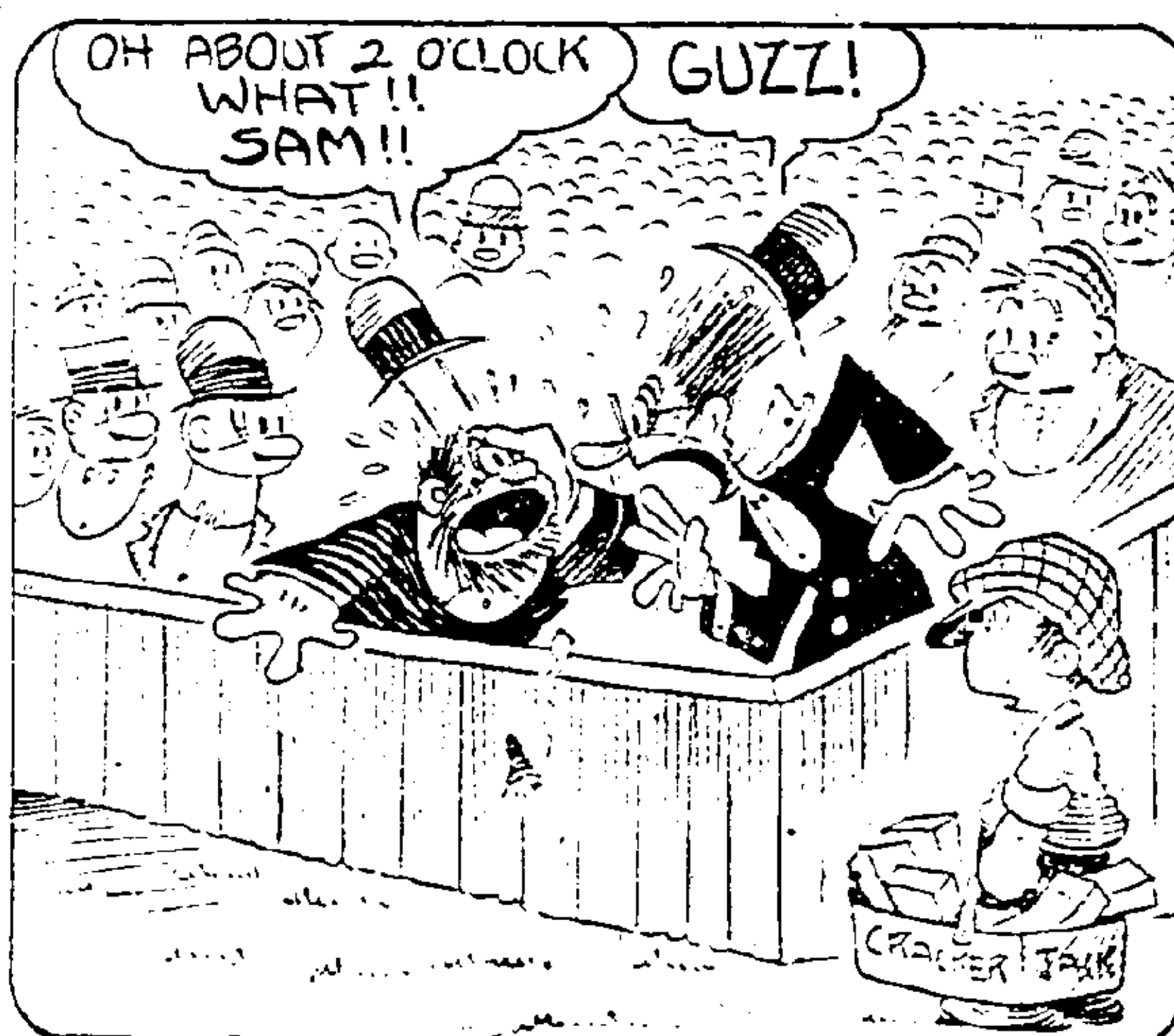
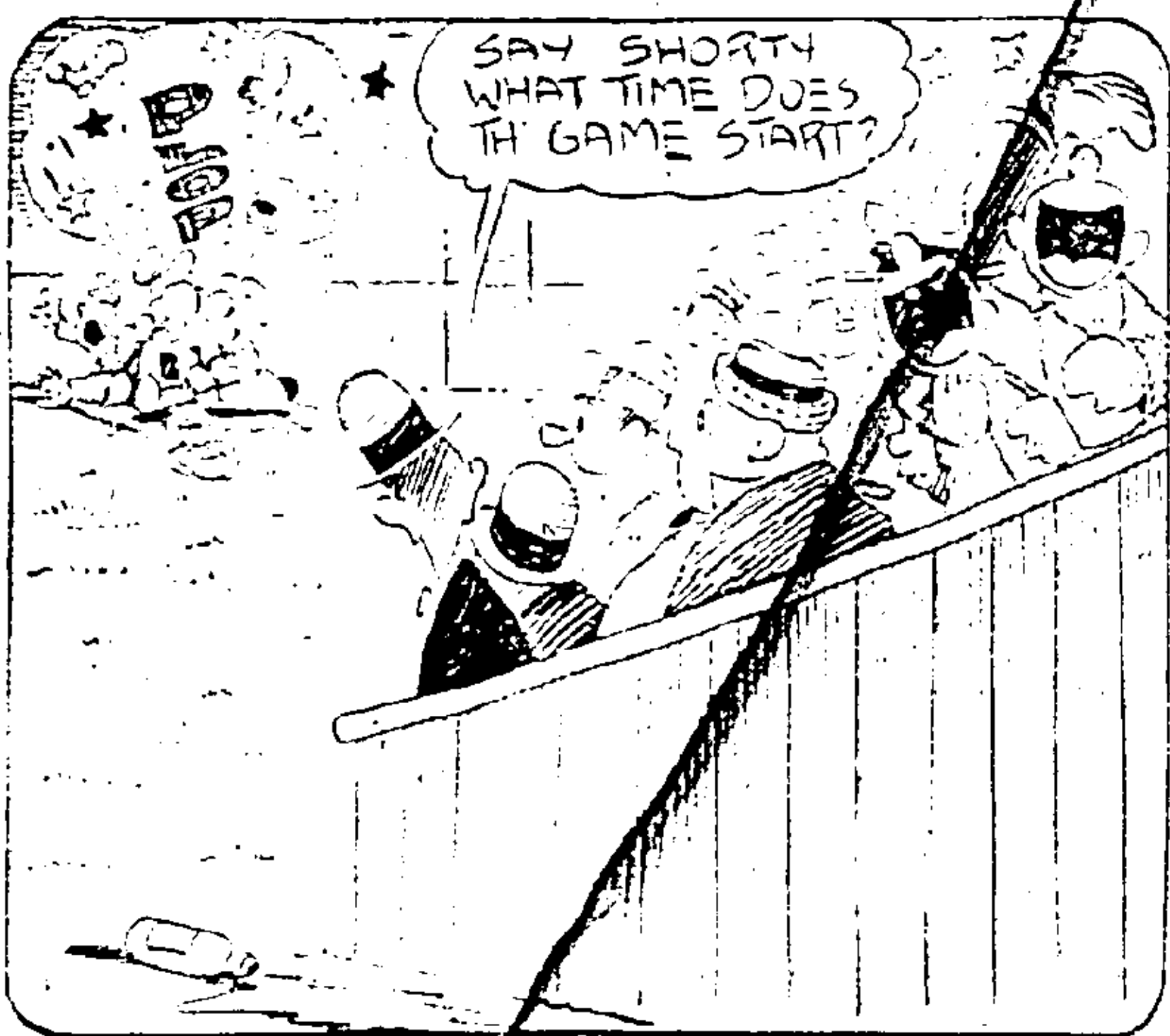
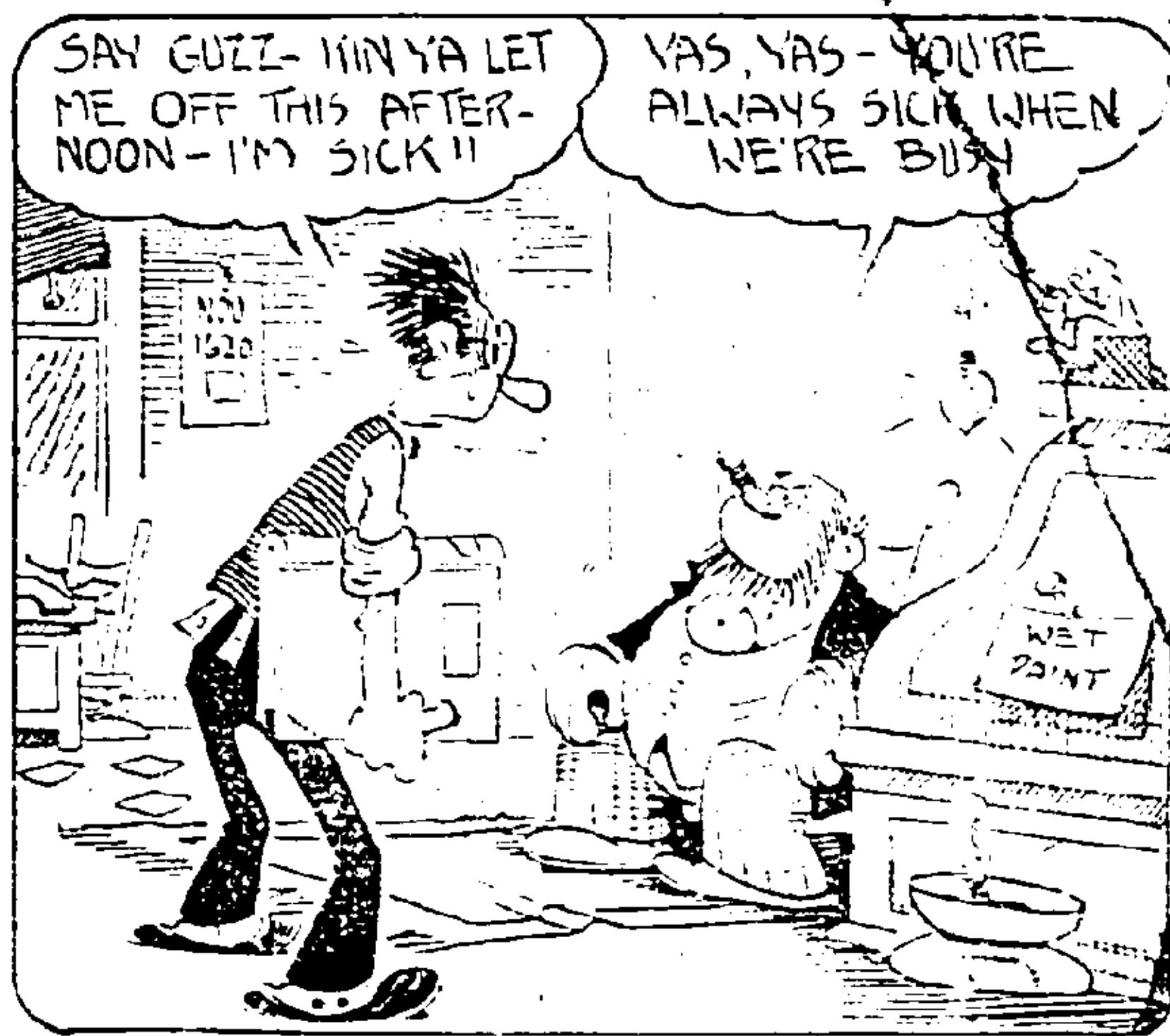
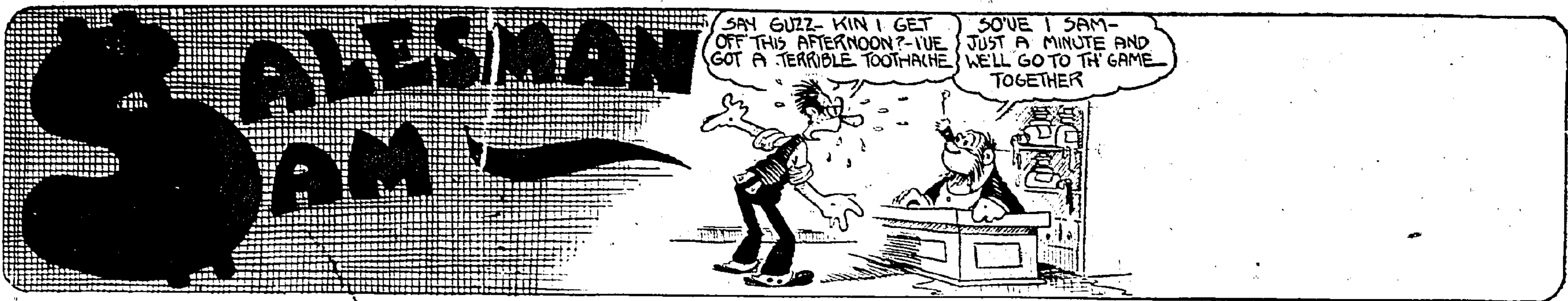
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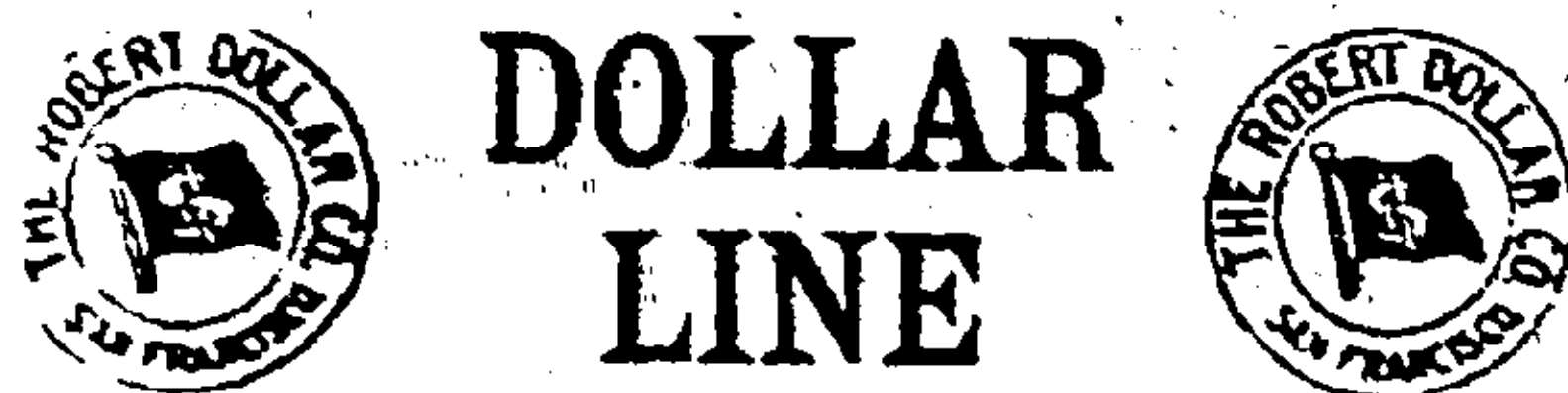
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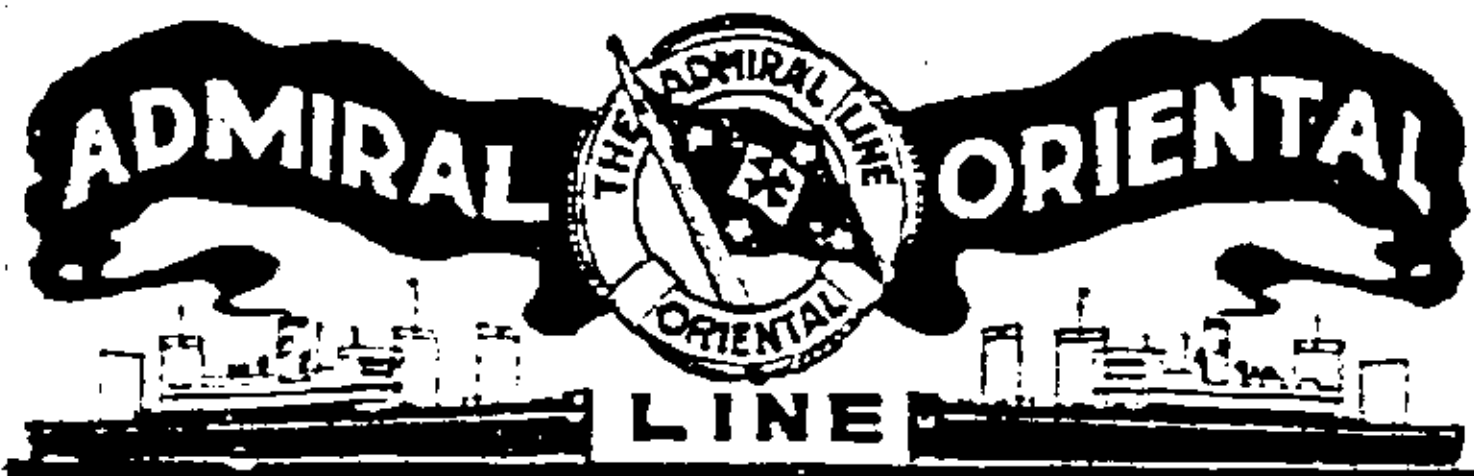
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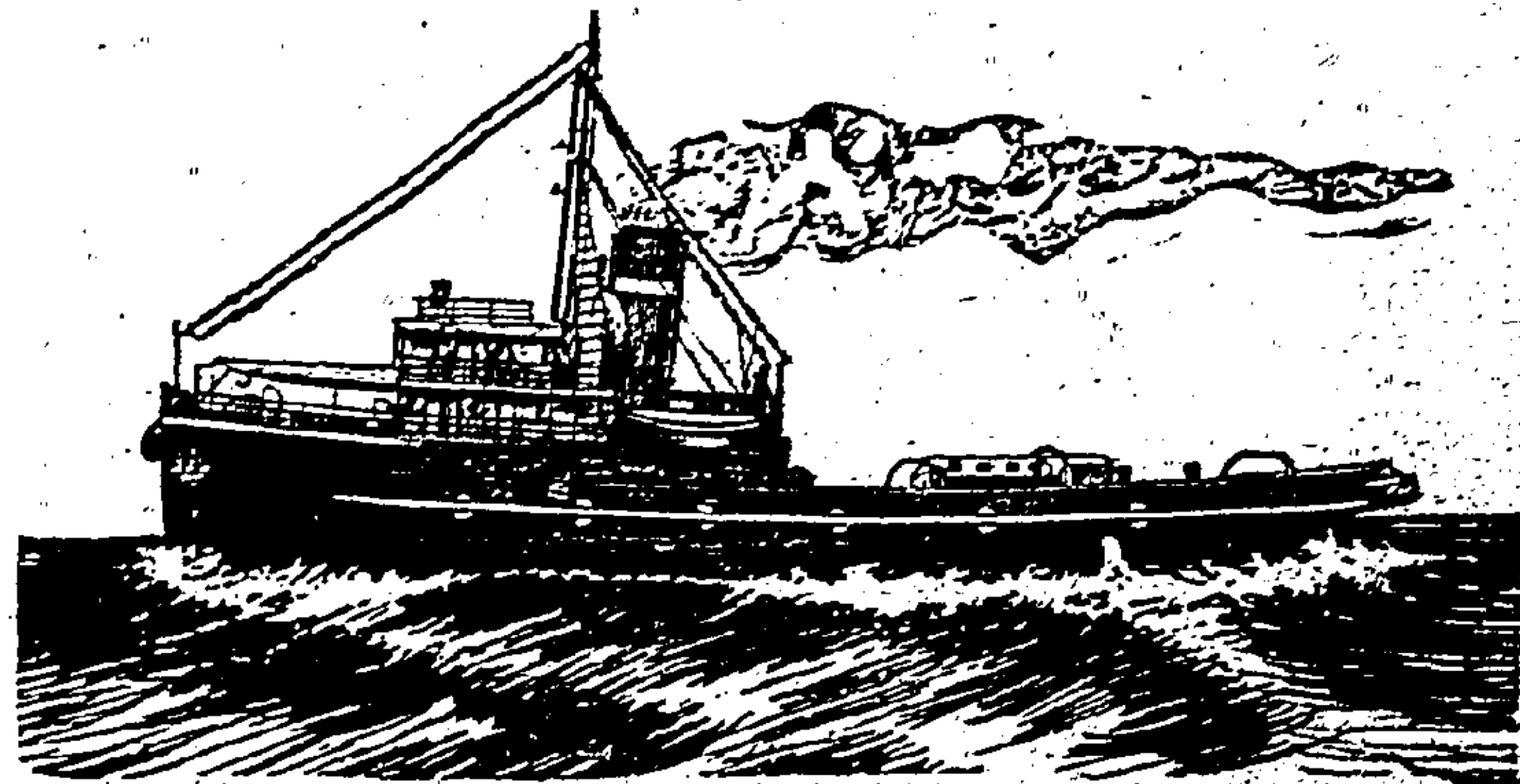
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Probably the most remarkable bequest of recent years is a big collection of flea specimens bequeathed to the Trustees of the National History Department, British Museum, by the late Mr. N. C. Rothschild. It is believed they number considerably over 70,000, constituting the greatest collection of the kind in the world and of great scientific value. Mr. Rothschild was fascinated with the subject and spent many years collecting throughout the world, sparing neither time nor expense. It is reported that on one occasion he despatched an expedition largely for the purpose of securing the flea of the Arctic seal.

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All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Dec. 28th, will be subject to rent.

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All broken, chafed & damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns until Friday, Dec., 28th, at 10 a.m. when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

Claims will not be accepted unless the cargo is so examined by said Surveyors prior to the above date.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised.

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The "Dragon" needs only one driver in place of the five required for a horse-drawn field-gun and its attendant ammunition wagon. Hooked to its rear is the wagon, and to the wagon the gun, the body of the tractor accommodating the detachment and boxed ammunition spare to the rounds packed in the wagon. This tractor can haul its load across country, negotiate slopes up to 30 degrees, and cross obstacles such as large stones and three trunks without difficulty. Its maximum speed over grass land is about 14 miles per hour, with an average of 10 miles over normal country. The guns can be brought into action in almost any position, as the tractor can manoeuvre them quickly and accurately. With this type of mechanical traction for light artillery, and increased speed on the road, experience proves that vibration must be lessened by the provision of rubber-tyres for artillery vehicles, the present steel-tyres being quite unsuited to the new condition movement.

Admittedly the "Dragon" is not the last word in design for light artillery traction. There still remain to be settled whether the guns should be carried in transporters instead of being hauled. The type of machine really aimed at is on the lines of a horse-drawn tractor, enabling the gun to be run in and out at pleasure, and carrying the detachment and ammunition supply. Expense of construction is an objection to a transporter, the "Dragon" being a cheaper machine, as it is practically a conversion from a light tank.

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London	Kashig	27th
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Taiwan M.	Thurs. 27 inst. 8.30 a.m.
Pakhoi & Hiphong	Yunnan	Thurs. 27 inst. 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Kinchow	Thurs. 27 inst. 8.30 a.m.
Hobow & Hainan	Chinghai	Thurs. 27 inst. 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Persia M.	Thurs. 27 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Japan	China M.	Thurs. 27 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yunnan	Thurs. 27 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Van Cloon	Thurs. 27 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Tokio	Thurs. 27 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Swatow	Fri. 28 inst. noon.
Swatow & Amoy	Lochow	Fri. 28 inst. 5 p.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Yunnan	Sat. 29 inst. 9.30 a.m.
Swatow & Amoy	Taiwan	Sat. 29 inst. 10 a.m.

For	Per	Date.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Chungking	Sun. 30 inst. 8.30 a.m.
Pakhoi & Hiphong	Kin M.	Sun. 30 inst. 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Pres Grant	Sun. 30 inst. 9 a.m.
Swatow	Yunnan	Mon. 31 inst. 10 a.m.
Swatow	Taiwan	Mon. 31 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	China M.	Tues. 1 inst. 9 a.m.
Swatow	Yunnan	Tues. 1 inst. 9 a.m.
Swatow	China M.	Tues. 1 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yunnan	Tues. 1 inst. 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Taiwan	Tues. 1 inst. 10.30 a.m.

NEW THAMES BRIDGE.

A new bridge over the Thames, linking Goring with Stratley, has been opened for general traffic. It has been erected by the Berkshire and Oxfordshire County Councils at a cost of £32,000, to replace the old wooden bridge built 86 years ago. One of its sections, that on the

Berkshire side, has six equal spans, while the Oxfordshire section has nine unequal spans, the total length of the structure being 537 ft. It is constructed throughout in reinforced concrete, and is finished with a substantial balustrading of English oak. The new bridge, unlike the old one, is free of tolls.

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